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Select Board Now A Race with Burr

By Mick Colageo

The race to fill John Waterman's seat on the Marion Select Board will be contested by at least two candidates, and both are presently serving on other adjudicatory boards in town.

On Monday, Carleton "Toby" Burr Jr. confirmed to The Wanderer that he is running, and on Tuesday, Marion Town Clerk Lissa Magauran confirmed that Burr pulled nomination papers on the first possible day. Dr. Ed Hoffer announced his candidacy on January 19 and has Waterman's endorsement, but he had yet to pull nomination papers as of Tuesday at 3:36 pm.

Nomination papers became available to candidates for municipal elections on Tuesday in Marion and Rochester and on Monday in Mattapoisset.

Burr is a member of the Marion Marine Resources Commission, and Hoffer is chair of the Board of Health and also serves on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Burr told The Wanderer that he has been interested in running for the Select Board for 20 years but that the time is right because his son Tucker Burr is now running Burr Brothers Boats Inc., the family business.

Toby Burr made his announcement on Facebook: "At the urging of good friends, I throw my hat in the arena. I seek to be elected to the Marion Select Board. I think the time is right. I care deeply for our town. I am very familiar with our local government. The issues are complicated. As a longtime businessman, I know the strength of working with others to create proper solutions. I think I can do a good job. I would appreciate you vote in May."

One issue facing Marion that Burr and Hoffer agree on is the need for market-rate housing to add ratepayers to town water and sewer and thereby ease the burden on the average taxpayer. "To me, the main issue is the town's fiscal position," said Toby Burr, identifying overly high water and sewer rates and a high tax rate as problematic. "We want to keep it a small, friendly, affordable town."

On the Cover: The winner of this year's Groundhog Cover Contest is Logan Bradshaw of Rochester, who captured a scene evoking memories of the one made famous by actor Bill Murray, the cynical meteorologist who couldn't find a way out of Punxsatawney, Pennsylvania, in the 1993 movie Groundhog Day. Congratulations, Logan, and thank you to everyone who entered. We had many great entries this year! See all the entries on page 42 and in the gallery at www.wanderer.com

To accomplish that, said Burr, the town needs to bring in people who are not necessarily going to require a lot of services. Everyone connected to town government seems to understand that to mean more market-rate housing and small businesses are needed.

"We want to focus on growing the town's revenues, not through rate increases, but through the small growth of market-rate housing and business. They don't require money and services, and they pay taxes," he said. "We want some market-rate housing, (but) we want to stay a small town too. We've got to balance those."

Burr identified the future of the soon-to-be-vacated Lockheed Martin property as the biggest cog in that wheel. "We want businesses in there," he said. "We're trying to keep Marion affordable."

In Rochester, Select Board Chairman Brad Morse told The Wanderer he is running for reelection, and Town Clerk Paul Dawson confirmed on Tuesday that Morse has pulled nomination papers. David L. Hughes has pulled papers in Rochester to keep his seats as constable and on the Park Commission.

As of the end of the business day on Tuesday, Mattapoisset Select Board Chairman Jordan Collyer had not

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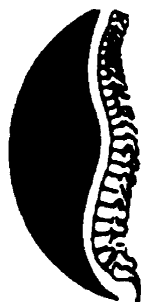


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pulled papers for a reelection bid.

Also pulling papers in Marion was Open Space Acquisition Commission Chairman John Rockwell, both for his reelection bid and for a seat on Marion's Planning Board. Both Chairman Will Saltonstall's and member Joe Rocha's terms are up this year.

The Godwit Wonder Bird

By George B. Emmons

The Godwit is a remarkable member of the Sandpiper family that is clearly plumaged with a long black tail and underwings, with a long, pinkish-colored bill that towards the end turns up toward the sky, giving it the heavenly title of identification.

Most godwits breed within the northernmost boreal woodland habitat. It is called the wonder bird for annually migrating almost 17,000 miles from northern Alaska all the way south past the equator to the distant part of Chile in South America. However, most of the long distance takes place flying day and night, nonstop without rest or food.

There is a conflicting argument that the Arctic Tern flies a longer distance of some 25,000 miles from the North Pole to the South Pole every year, but the Godwit's incredible journey is made without stopping at all for such a long distance. The Godwit's preflight preparation is much more intensive, taking on a couple of months' body fat by gorging up on worms and dime-size clams instead of burning up existing body sugars and getting dehydrated the way humans would, needing to stop for a cup of water during a marathon.

The Godwit's future challenges for such an epic journey, crossing two continents amidst changing weather and difficult topography must be overcome by an inner guidance of a magnet-homing instinct traveled as well as geographical positions reached in flight by the detection of signals from the earth's magnetic fields. Like pigeons finding



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their way home for a thousand miles or more by the passage of iron particles through a cell above their bills known as magnetic navigation, the Godwit's navigational skills are very similar to homing signals that brought migratory swallows back to Capistrano at the same time every year.

In modern medical research, studying the superpowers of migratory birds may lead to breakthroughs for human application. Migratory birds can sleep while they fly by, getting shuteye on one side of the brain while the other stays awake and alert and then switching sides, a process called slow wave switching hemisphere sides.

Dolphins and whales can take naps this way as well. Godwits can also somehow store air after it passes through their lungs and then breathe with it again. These abilities of other creatures can benefit us by learning and evaluation.

As the Godwit takes flight on aerial wings from one geographical pole on this planet to another, it is beginning to transmit a message to mankind that is written in the stars, a heavenly revelation that by learning behavioral secrets of other species may now be applied to benefit the welfare of all mankind.

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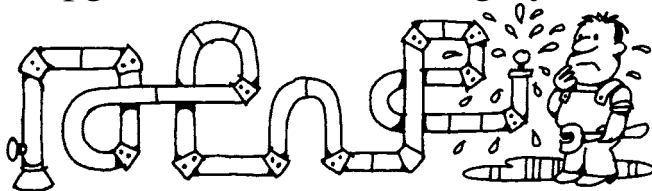
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Marion Select Board

By Mick Colageo

Town Administrator Jay McGrail and Finance Director Judy Mooney presented their preliminary FY23 budget overview to the Marion Select Board during Tuesday night's Zoom meeting.

"Given all the challenges, this was the hardest budget to work on in my three years here. Overall, I'm happy with where we are," said McGrail, noting that the last month of work was crucial.

Individual departments, he said, produced level-service budget proposals with requests made separately. "Some of the cuts we had to make to get to today were painful and not easy ... I really thank the department heads for bearing with us and seeing the big picture."

Total General Fund revenues of \$26,082,850 are projected for FY23.

Pointing to several challenges either unique to or exacerbated by the effects of Covid including sick employees, resultant staff expenses, supply-chain issues and other crises including the boil order and a severe Nor'easter, McGrail told the Select Board that the ramifications are ongoing and have affected capital planning for FY23.

The one positive that emerged amidst ongoing major municipal projects in Marion is the town's \$3,700,000 in free cash. The unusually high number has given the town the opportunity to mitigate debt and get some things done that would have remained on the wish list. Another byproduct of the free cash amount is Marion will not be threatening its coveted AAA bond rating.

The plan, said McGrail, is to apply \$1,000,000 in free cash toward capital projects including sewer (\$220,000,) the operating budget (\$300,000) and the town will continue to fund OPEB, a long-held priority.

The big projects will also benefit as Marion will use \$1,500,000 to lower its borrowing toward the \$4,500,000 Department of Public Works construction. The remaining \$3,000,000 will be on the warrant for Town Meeting.

The Maritime Center, which is also on the warrant, will request appropriation of \$700,000 from the town's Waterways Account as the matching funds for the grant awarded by the state's Seaport Economic Council.

The proposed budget also plans to use \$300,000 to partially offset property-tax increases on a one-time basis.

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In illustrating how conservatively the town has budgeted for FY23, McGrail told the Select Board that Marion's average budget increase is 3.44 percent but would only be at 2 percent without school budgets and without the lagoon project, would be at 1.6 percent.

One place Marion plans to spend more in FY23 is to fund a new, full-time police officer. The department is affected by state-level, police-reform measures on certification, recordkeeping and the ability to keep extras on the job. The result is more overtime without the addition.

Other pressure points that McGrail noted included the \$65,000-per-student cost for the four Marion residents attending Upper Cape Tech. That assessment, said McGrail, is subject to two school committee approvals in March.

Marion is on track to break even at the transfer station in FY22, according to McGrail, who says the town has done a great job with recycling. The result, however, is more residents are recycling.

Capital Improvements Planning Committee Chairman Paul Naiman will present to the Select Board at its next meeting on February 15.

The next steps, said McGrail, is to present the overview to the Finance Committee (February 2,) then invite departments to make presentations. McGrail hopes to arrange a joint meeting including the Marion School Committee and representatives from Mattapoisett and Rochester.

In response to a sewer-line break at 889 Point Road, the Select Board advised the homeowner to hire a contractor to fix the break and beforehand notify the DPW so the town can



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After reviewing a complaint made by Debra Cohen, 13 Joanne Drive, about a dog, the Select Board decided to set a dangerous-dog public hearing for April 19 at 6:15 pm. Cohen will present her complaint to the board and Town Counsel Jon Witten along with her suggestions for a remedy to the situation.

The Select Board voted to endorse the scope of work that will end with a new fence at the Cushing Community Center Park. The board also voted to support a letter endorsing the application filed by the Pathways Committee for easements needed to move forward the bike path. They

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also voted to approve a new water service commitment at 16 and 18 Sarahbeth Lane in Rochester for \$800 and two Water/Sewer commitments (final readings) for \$977.07 and \$39.49.

In his Town Administrator's Report, McGrail told the board an open house is scheduled for the DPW facilities on Saturday, April 9, at 9:00 am and that the "pre-Town Meeting" will be held on Wednesday, April 27, at 6:00 pm. It is not known if that meeting will be held in person.

The Facilities Department has completed a new entrance and office space in the southeast corner of the Town House. The town clerk's staff has moved into that space, and renovation on the former town clerk's space began last week.

The funding of asbestos removal, raising the ceiling above the windows, wall insulation, plaster, trim (handmade by Facilities Director Shaun Cormier to match the original), restoration of original floors and new access to the vault from both sides has been funded by a \$50,000 capital article.

McGrail said that Cormier's staff is performing most of the work and anticipates completion over the next six months. "With a little bit of money, we can do a lot," he said. Concrete, he said, is presently being cut in the basement to fix the drainage system.

Community Preservation Act funding has been applied for by the Facilities Department for the Town House: \$240,000 to complete bidding construction if the Main Street entrance and a \$120,000 request that would install a sprinkler system. The projects would bring the first floor to full ADA compliance and a full fire-suppression system throughout the Town House.

McGrail and Cormier will present to the CPC on Friday, February 4, at its 5:00 pm public meeting.

Before closing the meeting, McGrail publicly thanked the DPW staff and the Police and Fire departments for their work during last weekend's snowstorm.

Select Board member Randy Parker noted that all the new watermain pipes were flagged and dug out.

The next meeting of the Marion Select Board is scheduled for Tuesday, February 15, at 6:00 pm.

Plumb Corner Drainage Will Stick to Plan

Rochester Conservation Commission

By Marilou Newell

The February 1 meeting of the Rochester Conservation Commission agenda was already light on public hearings when the two that were scheduled were not heard.

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That left plenty of time for the commission to meet with Brian Wallace of JC Engineering regarding the vernal pool and drainage outfall pipe that predates the ongoing subdivision project at Plumb Corner.

Wallace offered a change in the approved plans to an existing outfall pipe after making a site visit with the town's

peer-review consultant, Ken Motta of Field Engineering and Conservation Commission Chairman Chris Gerrior. Wallace explained that approved plans allowed the existing 27-inch pipe to be cut back but otherwise left as is, given that calculations show virtually no change in water flow.

"But it would disturb the area to cut it back," Wallace said. Gerrior confirmed that some vegetation would be impacted but believes it would rebound in subsequent growing seasons. Wallace said the pipe could be left as is with possibly a few rocks being placed at the opening to slow down water flow.

Commissioner Dan Gagne questioned the ability of the pipe to perform adequately given it was partially clogged with sediment. He also said that planned cleaning of the pipe would cause an increase in flow into the wetland systems, possibly coming in conflict with wetland regulations. Gagne also pushed forward the need to have updated engineered plans if the approved plan is to be changed. "You need to show us what you are going to do," he said.

After further discussion including more thoughts on whether the pipe, which has been part of a subsurface drainage system for some 30 years, should be cut off or left as is, discussion came full circle.

Wallace said several times that he could revisit drainage calculations for either leaving the pipe as is or cutting it back and cleaning it out, but in the end when asked by Gerrior if he'd prefer to leave the approved plan as is, Wallace opted to leave the permitted plans in place.

In business matters, it was brought to the commission's attention that some members had not signed permits, some of which were 21 days old as of Tuesday.

Commissioner Ben Bailey said he does not want to call anyone out but suggested that emails are sent reminding commissioners their signature is needed and that they be named in the email. He said it is unfair to applicants to delay permits in this way. A motion was made and carried to include the names of missing commission signatures. "It's part of being on the commission," Gerrior reminded all.

The next meeting of the Rochester Conservation Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, February 15, at 7:00 pm.

Town Hall's Problems Mount

Mattapoisett Capital Planning Committee

By Marilou Newell

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building will see that the structure is in rough shape. After decades of what Town Administrator Mike Lorencio said was the town's "kicking the can down the road" when it came to improvements, even simple maintenance and the ravishes of continuous use finds it woefully out of step with the needs of the 21st century.

Lorencio was instrumental in finding a way to study the needs of a town hall, along with possible solutions including school consolidation and moving town offices into an underutilized school. To better understand the town's building assets and the town's need for safe town office space, the University of Massachusetts Collins School for Public Management was engaged to study municipal buildings, school enrollment and school buildings, as well as fiscal and management needs of the Transfer Station operation.

Coming before the Capital Planning Committee on January 31, Lorencio discussed these matters with an eye towards understanding the financial implications. He began by sharing some of the immediate concerns he has with respect to the Town Hall's physical health.

"Everything has been done piecemeal," said Lorencio, describing the three boilers serving the building, one of which that recently required replacement, a leaking gas pipe and vegetation growing out of clogged gutters to name just a few of the problems that linger. "Things pop up with a building that has not been maintained." And while smaller problems have been handled as they became evident, "There hasn't been any maintenance over the years," he said.

To add to the complexity of the problems facing the building, it is located in a FEMA flood zone, has an outdated phone system, flooring with multiple "soft spots," the likelihood of mold under the carpeting and a cellar that cannot be used due to regular flooding. Simply put, everything is a "hodgepodge" according to the town administrator.

"We are waiting to see what comes out of the Collins study," Lorencio told the committee. "Do we build a new town hall or consolidate schools?"

Either way, it will prove costly, he said. Regarding any major repair or renovation work on the historic town hall building, Lorencio said everything is on hold for now. He said the study had paused briefly but that it would ramp up again now that the Select Board has agreed that the study should in no way be tied to the work of the Master Plan Committee.

Lorencio said that the Select Board wants to move forward with a solution no later than 2025. In the meantime, early indications from the study seem to indicate that school consolidation is possible, he said. Rough estimates for new construction hover around \$13,000,000.

The Transfer Station operation was briefly addressed. Lorencio said that the loader, which needs \$40,000 in repairs (a sum approved at the 2021 Spring Town Meeting,) would have to be transported off site. The committee agreed that a placeholder in FY30 in the amount of \$150,000 for a new loader is needed, as well as another placeholder in FY27 in the amount of \$167,000 for a scale.

Lorencio said that currently without a scale to weigh the items being brought to the Transfer Station, staff members have to "eyeball" the items in order to charge a fee. Lorencio

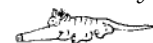


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did say that Board of Health Agent Gail Joseph has been successful in initiating a textile-recycling program. He also cautioned that with the sale of ABC Disposal Inc. to a Texas-based firm, new dynamics in the contract are anticipated.

Also coming before the committee was Mattapoisett Public Library Director Jennifer Jones, who agreed to get cost estimates to the committee for new carpeting as well as estimates for repairs to the historic roof section of the building that will be needed in the coming fiscal cycles.

Jones has requested \$25,000 in FY23 for outdoor lighting and \$10,000 for security cameras both outside and inside the library. For FY26, FY28 and FY30, a sum of \$2,500 was placed for computer upgrades. However, that expense may well become part of the operating budget for the library as the committee continues to improve the Capital Planning process.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Capital Planning Committee is scheduled for Monday, February 7, at 6:00 pm.

ZBA Sees Solution in Bailey's Driveway

Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals
By Marilou Newell

The January 27 meeting of the Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals heard only one petition, but through carefully examining that petition, a process that took almost an hour, a favorable decision was delivered.

Coming before the ZBA with a request for a variance was Ben Bailey for property located at 0 Gerrish Road. In the announcement of the public hearing, it was noted that Bailey sought relief from frontage requirements of 225 feet to 79.8 feet, a difference of 146 feet. At issue was whether or not the variance, based on a perceived hardship, was self-induced and one that the applicant could have avoided.

From Bailey's perspective, as he articulated, "the (ZBA) has the opportunity to do what the Planning Board can't," namely approve a private driveway 12 feet in width versus a standard roadway 20 feet wide.

Bailey is a member of both Rochester's Planning Board and Conservation Commission and has recused himself from deliberation and voting in prior public hearings before those bodies.

The property in question, which borders on Longbow Lane, has been owned by Bailey for some time. As he explained to the ZBA, he had previously received a Form C subdivision approval from the Planning Board. Now he wished to gain access to Lot 29B via a 12-foot-wide driveway but filed with the ZBA for a variance due to the lack of required frontage. Bailey said the driveway would be a "kinder, gentler" accessway than a road that would be much wider and would necessitate cutting down many large trees, especially along Longbow Lane.

Delving into the technical aspects of the request were members Kirby Gilmore, Donald Spirlet, Jeff Costa, Richard Cutler, Davis Sullivan, Tom Flynn and Chairman David Arancio.

Each member asked questions geared to better understand why the request constituted a hardship, could the hardship have been avoided and just what the future of various lots in the subdivision might be.

Bailey said the lot would be sold and has been



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approved by the Planning Board. He was asked if Lot 29E would be developed. He responded that it would not be and that it is currently a tree nursery. He also said that Lot 29F "has plenty of uplands."

But in coming back around to the issue of whether or not the variance requested was indeed a hardship, Flynn said, "I understand the petition, it's reasonable, but is this a self-imposed hardship. Can zoning issues be resolved by using part of Lot 29E for frontage?" Bailey said that it was always intended that Lot 29E be combined with the lot where his house is located.

In support of his contention that the building of a roadway (which would be his right to construct) versus allowing, via a variance, the much smaller driveway, Bailey said, "The plans are already approved, but a road would create a hardship for the neighbors. ... This is an opportunity for the ZBA to do what the Planning Board cannot."

Once the board members were satisfied with their questioning of the applicant, the public was invited to speak. Of the half dozen abutters making their voices heard, every single one was in support of the less intrusive driveway plan.

Given the overwhelming support of those most impacted by the construction of an accessway, they agreed to grant Bailey the variance requested.

The Special Permit hearing for a monopole telecommunications facility filed by Industrial Tower and Wireless LLC was continued without being reopened until February 10.

The next meeting of the Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals is scheduled for Thursday, February 10, at 7:00 pm.

Transfer Station Goes to the Mattresses

Mattapoisett Board of Health

By Mick Colageo

Mattapoisett's Transfer Station will be a lot cleaner and it is presumed in better financial shape with a plan to modernize the recycling of mattresses.

Health Agent Gail Joseph laid out a presentation for the Board of Health members' consideration during its January 26 meeting.

The board voted unanimously to accept and use the mattress and textile recycling programs, which were conditioned for placement.

"I feel that this is a really good proposal," said Joseph.

Mattresses will no longer be disposed of in the station's



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trash-disposal area but placed inside dedicated, watertight storage containers. When the containers are full, they will be removed; it is expected the containers will be hauled away a half-dozen times per year.

"We don't have to worry about it, it eliminates all that extra trash in our dumpsters," said Joseph.

Board of Health Chairman Carmelo Nicolosi said that Eric Dyson, the person who owns the recycling business that will work with Mattapoisett on the project is a native of the town and cofounded the business with his wife Debbie Dyson who serves as its president.

Nicolosi said the padding is removed from the mattresses and reused in various products. The high-grade steel coils can be sold and reused for manufacturing, and wood is processed and becomes wood-stove pellets. "It's a good program," he said.

Presently, the town charges \$40 per mattress and pays \$30, netting \$10 in revenue. Board member Russ Bailey asked if disposing of a single mattress costs the same as a double.

While that answer was not immediately available, Joseph said that the proposed system will need to establish a schedule. She said that four mattresses came in during the January 17-21 week and seven early the following week. Under the new program, she said, the town will be able to track the amount.

"They take the hide-a-bed mattresses too," said Joseph, stressing the opportunity to save the town money and keep the transfer station cleaner.

Textiles will also be recycled away from trash flow; cloth, fabric and rugs will no longer be allowed in



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In a separate program free to Mattapoisett residents, Kingston-based Bay State Textiles will place two textile dumpsters at the transfer station, where stuffed animals, sneakers, shoes, flipflops, etc. will be placed. The company recycles them to manufacture rags while separating out nicer goods.

"They will pick up all of this stuff for us. They do all the sorting," said Joseph. "They will pay us a fee percentage. The company will repurpose them; they will make their money on them, and they will pay us a percentage."

Bailey suggested the town come up with some sort of educational program for residents.

Nicolosi said the board recently received a site plan for the proposed solar field at the transfer station so a redesign of the layout must take the solar plan into account. He said he will email the solar plans to Joseph.

The board members discussed the ground surface and its composition for bearing the weight that trucks will have going back and forth with storage containers.

While they were at it, the subject of "the Mattapoisett Mall" came up aka the metal pile. "That property belongs to the town of Mattapoisett. It's okay if you need a little piece of metal to do something," said Nicolosi, who would like to put a stop to the people taking the liberty of grabbing metals and selling them.

"I don't want to take away the mall aspect of it," said board member Ken Dawicki, who recalled a friend who was excited after finding a typewriter. "I don't want to see that disappear."

Nicolosi thinks with heightened awareness that transfer station attendants can spot the people looking to pick at the pile for profit on heavy metals and copper. They even cut the cords from appliances, he said.

Dana Tripp, the superintendent of Cushing Cemetery, appeared before the board to discuss the cemetery's trash situation. "I'm willing to buy the sticker, no problem," said Tripp, noting that the cemetery is a nonprofit run entirely by volunteers. He told the board that since the pandemic, the trend has been away from full burials in favor of cremations so revenue is down.

Given the frequency with which the cemetery needs cleanup, \$20 was considered too much for a sticker but \$5 is manageable, said Tripp. "I end up with barrels of stuff, plastic and metals to recycling," he said.

It was determined that going forward, the cemetery can purchase a sticker and pay a \$5 or \$10 charge to deliver brush or leaves, the price depending on the size of the trailer and dispense of household trash at no charge.

Nicolosi thanked Tripp for his service to the community.

In relaying an update from Public Health Nurse Emily Field, who was working in the field at the time of the January 26 meeting, Nicolosi told the board that Covid cases have increased over the last couple of months and that Field was working with two staff nurses to help administer vaccinations and provide services including Covid tests.

Old Rochester Regional School Superintendent Mike Nelson contacted Field to let the town know that the state will be providing testing kits to ORR students for in-home testing at parents' discretion. The doses are optional.

The board voted to raise the pay rate for registered nurses assisting Field from \$25 per hour to \$35 per hour. Citing the going rate up to \$50 per hour, all three members consider the pay hike "reasonable." The wages are funded by ARPA reimbursements.

Nicolosi followed up with an email to The Wanderer, explaining how the vaccination shots are funded.

He said that, as of October-November, 95 percent of age 65 and over Mattapoisett residents have been vaccinated. Field, with help from two paid assistant RN's as well as a handful of qualified volunteers, have administered 550 primary doses of Moderna and 20 Johnson & Johnson, along with 250 Moderna booster shots.

"We are paid from insurance companies and Medicare / Medicaid a total of \$90 per shot. However, we use an outside entity to prepare the required documentation, and the (Public Health nurse's) office / Town of Mattapoisett receives \$70 per administered dose," wrote Nicolosi, computing 820 doses at \$70 per means that the town anticipates receiving \$57,400 shortly.

The board also voted to affirm Field as the town's lead person on Covid matters, officially taking the mantle from Amanda Stone. Nicolosi said he would send Town Administrator Mike Lorencio a memo to confirm.

In the board's review of the Health Department's 2023 operating budget, Nicolosi told the board that Field scored very well in her performance review. While town employees will be receiving a 2 percent, cost-of-living raise but with potential merit increases, the board voted unanimously to

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reward Field with an additional, merit-based increase of \$3,200 per year. The raise, which has to be sold to voters at Town Meeting, would bring her salary up to approximately \$75,000 per year.

Bailey asked about what the public health nurses earn in Marion and Rochester. "We're head and shoulders above the rest of the state," Nicolosi said. "I think we have someone good in the position, and if we can keep her working with us long term, I think it would be an asset to the town."

The department's \$1,800,000 FY23 budget is based on level funding. Between ARPA, the CARES Act and FEMA, Nicolosi said there is a source of funding that's going to assist the nurse.

Joseph reported that Mattapoissett is in the process of procuring \$9,800 in grant funding from the state Department of Public Health.

Dave Davignon appeared before the board to make a preliminary presentation on behalf of Jesse Mendes regarding his septic plans for a proposed three-bedroom home at Dupont Drive. The lot has never been developed. The idea was, before investing in survey work and perc tests, if the board would give the plan a vote of confidence.

Nicolosi stopped short of that, explaining that the board does not have the authority to issue that variance requested in a dwelling of that size without connection to town water supply. With a well and septic on the same lot, the state sets the minimum setback regulations. Dawicki agreed with Nicolosi's stance.

Davignon was advised that with a design altered to two bedrooms, regulations would give the board the ability

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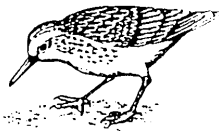
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to vote on the requested waivers relative to the wetlands, but setback waivers would require a full application. Davignon said a two-bedroom plan was discussed.

Nicolosi recused himself from review and acceptance of Septic System Repair/Upgrade Plans for 10 Noyes Avenue. Dawicki acted as chair for the deliberation and vote, which was unanimous in its approval.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Health is scheduled for Thursday, February 24, at 10:00 am at Town Hall.

Boat Yard Seeks Parking Solution

Mattapoisett Marine Advisory Board

By Marilou Newell

Limited parking availability in and around Mattapoisett Boat Yard was discussed when the Mattapoisett Marine Advisory Board met on January 27.

Present during the discussion was Ned Kaiser from the MBY. He said that new parking restrictions along Ned's Point Road implemented last year have put a burden on the limited parking available on his property, especially during busy weekends at the height of the season. He asked about the possibility of designating nonresident, boater parking at Barstow Wharf adjacent to the town's public beach. When asked how many parking slots he anticipated needing, he responded, "about 50."

Kaiser said the need for nonresident parking for boaters using his services is great, adding that the parking stickers would only be used by boaters with moorings in the harbor.

The MAB members discussed parking at the entrance to Good Speed Island, an area long designated for parking of boat trailers and associated vehicles. They recognized that storage of materials for the bike path project in parking spaces at that location has already limited space.

Member Bob Moore cautioned that the parking availability at Barstow Wharf during the summer is also stretched and that allocating 50 parking spots for nonresident boaters might not work.

Harbormaster Jamie McIntosh tossed the idea of a trolley into the discussion, one that could service Ned's Point, MBY and Barstow Wharf with centralized parking at the Park and Ride on North Street. All agreed they want to do something to help the boatyard, while also recognizing the value of the launch service that MBY provides. Further discussion with the town administrator and Select Board will



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take place, McIntosh said.

In other matters, the board members heard from member Ed Vankeruen, who has been editing and drafting tables of content and definitions contained in the Rules and Regulations. He said that some edits to text would clear up confusing areas. Moore said text should be plainly written so that anyone would be able to understand the context and meaning. He also stepped forward to assist with the project.

In his brief report, McIntosh said that Childs Engineering from Plainville has been selected to do preliminary design work for rehabilitation planned for Long Wharf aka Freddie Brownell Wharf. He said he has spoken to several of the references Childs had offered, finding that Childs in excellent standing and capable of performing the

work.

Regarding the delayed dredging long planned between wharves located at Shipyard Park, McIntosh said, "Permitting is a mess between the Army Corps and Division of Marine Fisheries." He said some work on pilings that would benefit boaters with dinghies spaces would now jump ahead of the dredging project.

The next meeting of the Marine Advisory Board is planned for Thursday, February 24, at 7:00 pm.

Debate, Tweaks Solve 2022-23 Calendar

Joint School Committee/Superintendency Union #55

By Mick Colageo

The 2022-23 academic calendar needed two rounds of

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voting and much in the way of discussion before a consensus was reached by the Old Rochester Regional Joint School Committee/Superintendency Union #55 in its January 20 meeting.

The merits of half days in general and Good Friday's place on a public-school calendar dominated a discussion that lasted the better part of an hour.

Four "no" votes on each side of the JSC necessitated a second go-round with the calendar proposed by ORR Superintendent of Schools Mike Nelson.

One tweak that was agreed upon was movement of a professional-development day from Tuesday, January 3, 2023, to Friday, January 13, 2023. Nelson offered his support for the amendment to the calendar.



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Carly Lavin, a Union-side holdout, said she would like to see at least one, maybe two school days, before the December break. "Definitely November 23rd," she said. Also voting no on the first Union-side vote were Tiffini Reedy, Carole Clifford and Robin Rounseville. Region-side rejections of the calendar that left the rest of the calendar alone came from Michelle Smith, Matthew Monteiro, Margaret McSweeney and Frances Kearns.

Hearing the ensuing debate, Clifford offered an altered motion changing the professional-development day to January 13 but also adding a full school day on December 22 and a half day on December 23.

Before the second vote, Nelson told the members that the ORR administration can support the amendments in Clifford's motion. The motions carried on both sides but not unanimously, as Reedy and Rounseville voted no a second time on the Union side and McSweeney and Kearns again voted no on the Region side.

"We get to this point and we feel pressure to approve this calendar. I think that this is such a grueling process that we need to start this earlier," said Rounseville.

Burke said it is incumbent on the committee to make sure the item is on the agenda early in the school year so that the appropriate time can be given to the necessary discussion.

Under the approved calendar, June 15 becomes the new last day of the 2022-23 school year.

Nelson said that the JSC achieved a vote a week ahead of last year.

ORR High School Principal Mike Devoll noted during the discussion that the students' focus is lost in the middle of June and also on the precipice of any vacation break.

"What I've found, if you're talking about half days versus full days, there is no difference between a half day and full day leading into a vacation at the high school," he said. "It's the week leading into it so, if you're looking at Thanksgiving, that entire week is a poorly attended week. If you're talking about the December vacation, it's all of the days leading up to it, as families seek the less-expensive travel options."

Mattapoisett Schools Principal Rose Bowman said only recently the day before Thanksgiving became a full day off. She agrees with Devoll that the entire week is "delicate for attendance" due to families' travel plans.

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"Our job as school committee members is to ... make sure that education is the very best it can be for our children throughout the school calendar," said Union-side Chairperson Sharon Hartley, noting that there are two kinds of half days. "We need to make sure that we have great professional development for our staff; it makes a difference for our school district. ... But the days that come before a



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holiday ... what kind of an educational day is it?"

It was a rhetorical question, as Hartley cited the funding required to support such a day and what little quality time it leaves for actual education to take place.

Another substantial conversation took place around a revised draft policy that would allow the ORR Administration to sanction advertising on school grounds, something heretofore prohibited without school committee permission.

Committee member Matthew Monteiro sought to clarify advertising's definitions, focusing on the more subtle displays indicating some form of sponsorship. Comments that followed addressed the need to draw the line, how to maintain control and other complex questions. Nelson said the next step is to take the feedback to the policy subcommittee for review.

Devoll said that any opportunities to gain revenue for athletics must be considered because the funding is not in the school budget, he said.

In response to the state's recommendation to update the school committee's public-comment policy and at the same time eliminate the public-comment guideline because those guidelines are now in the policy, both sides of the JSC voted unanimously in favor of the changes. The policy will be posted on the school committee website.

In an update on the superintendent's evaluation timeline, Nelson said he is in year two of a two-year process. A midpoint progress review was held in July 2021. Nelson said he will continue to collaborate with the superintendent's Goals Subcommittee.

In his report to the JSC, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations Howie Barber said that several meetings have been held and that the FY23 budget process is going well.

The JSC voted unanimously to approve Barber's proposed changes to procurements requirements. The JSC also approved changes to eliminate gender-specific terms in ORR's policy manual. Fernandes' was the lone dissenting vote.

The JSC moved into executive session and only returned to adjourn.

The next meeting of the Joint School Committee/ Superintendency Union #55 is scheduled for Thursday, April 28, at 6:30 pm.

RMS Steps up Budget Process

Rochester School Committee

By Mick Colageo

In a brief Budget Subcommittee report to the Rochester School Committee on January 18, Superintendent of Schools Mike Nelson said the process has shown momentum. The next steps, he said, will be to invite key town stakeholders such as town administrators and Finance Committee representatives.

"At this point, one of our top priorities includes securing professional-development funds to support teachers' adult learning regarding literacy," said Nelson. "It is our hope that in the upcoming school committee meetings we will be able to hold our annual budget public hearing so that our stakeholders can hear the work that we've done and




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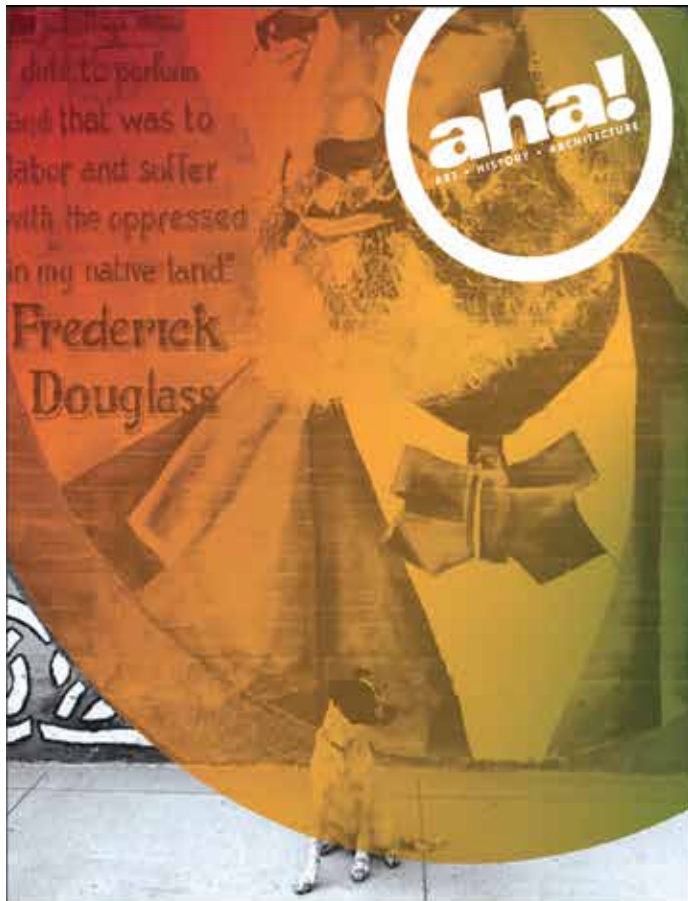
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ultimately the school committee can consider taking official action to approve the FY23 budget for consideration at the spring Town Meeting.”

Committee Chairperson Sharon Hartley reiterated Nelson’s outlook, saying it helps to meet with town officials in order to clarify the school committee’s goals and needs as the process moves forward.

ORR’s six schools have been going through a tiered-focus monitoring process that Nelson said has also been known as the CPR audit. The district’s schools were recently examined by the state Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) for their special education programs and civil-rights regulations.

The process included self-assessment and interviews of faculty, staff and special-needs parents, data inspection and visits from DESE representatives. Director of Student Services Craig Davidson was happy to note that Rochester was found to be in full compliance and that there is no corrective action required at this time.

Committee member Anne Fernandes cited “the whole nine yards” in describing the comprehensive effort that it always takes to complete the required audit. Nelson credited Davidson for his work on a cumbersome process and working his way through received feedback.

The Rochester School Committee viewed the proposed 2022-23 school calendar for the first time. The committee gives the ORR District Central Office its feedback, but the Joint School Committee is the body which votes on the calendar.

The opening day of the 2022-23 school calendar is Tuesday, August 30, with faculty reporting the day prior. Labor Day weekend will see off days on Friday, September 2 and 5. Monday, October 10, there will be no school for Columbus/Indigenous People’s Day. The Thanksgiving break is planned for November 23-27, and Christmas vacation begins with an early-release day on Thursday, December 22 and would run through Monday, January 2. Monday, January 16 is Martin Luther King Day, and the next day ORR will hold a full professional-development day. Monday, May 29 is Memorial Day. With no cancellations, Friday, June 16, 2023 would be the last day of school.

Fernandes questioned the merits of a three-day school week in January and posited the idea of moving the professional-development day scheduled for the same week as Martin Luther King Day. Nelson explained that the goal

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was to create as many five-day school weeks as possible but that he understands Fernandes' concern and told the committee that all the feedback from the individual towns will go back to the JSC.

In his report to the committee, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations Howie Barber said that RMS has approximately \$626,000 of available funds remaining from its annual operating budget. Barber also offered a summary comparison in school lunches served; based on December numbers, RMS has quadrupled its food service from a year ago.

Hartley asked Barber about the funding for meals in the 2022-23 school year. Barber said the USDA has yet to provide guidance. "We're still trying to be as confident as we can be with the respective offerings that we want to continue to provide, but I think we're at a little bit of a standstill until we hear further information from the USDA," said Barber.

At Hartley's request, administrators' and subcommittee reports including the regular report from Rochester Memorial School Principal Derek Medeiros was postponed until the committee's next regular meeting on February 3.

The Rochester School Committee entered executive session and only returned to adjourn the public meeting. The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for Thursday, February 3, at 6:30 pm.

Thinking Finds Fun Context at Sippican

Marion School Committee

By Mick Colageo

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Sippican Elementary School Principal Marla Sirois was eager to share a story from a recent recess in which students were putting their imaginations to work.

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Phase 3 of Old Rochester Regional School District's Acceleration Road Map may evoke technical images, but Sirois talked about interaction with the children and a team approach toward connecting with them.

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"As we ring in the New Year, we will bring our focus back to responsive teaching. The staff is looking at the links that are provided by DESE, and we will be unpacking all of that as a team," said Sirois.

Holiday season activities were back in full swing, and Sirois thanked VASE for refilling children's recess bags last month.

Sippican's Kindness Crew organized a toy drive in December that drew 68 donations to Toys for Tots. The school's concert choir also joined the Tri-County Symphonic Band in their annual children's concert that kicked off the Marion holiday stroll. Sirois publicly thanked Hannah Moore, Patricia Richard and Jessica Barrett for making sure the holiday traditions came back in 2021, including the in-

school concert.

Before the coronavirus pandemic, Sippican library's STEM and STEAM program received a Lighthouse Fund grant, and the school's K-1 students built a sail that flashes lights and completed a tower challenge.

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Nelson credited Director of Student Services Craig Davidson for his work on a cumbersome project. In summarizing the process including DESE's visits, data inspection and interviews with special-needs parents, Davidson said that ORR was found to be in full compliance. He said that there is no corrective action required at this time.

Davidson also reported on a 10-part, online Community Talk series that began on January 5 and deals with anxiety in children. It was attended by 62 families.

Marion School Committee Chairperson April Nye announced multiple donations. "Looking at the donations, it just reminded me of the amazing community that we do reside in," said Nye, thanking Tri-Town Against Racism and the many local businesses that assist Sippican Elementary.

"This is a list of 25 books, but next month I know there's going to be more books on the list because they continue to support us in that way with the books as well as our bulletin boards, which we really appreciate," said Sirois.

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Nelson echoed the sentiment. "We appreciate their continued support in many ways, especially when it comes to reading materials," he said, recognizing TTAR co-founder Tangi Thomas who attended the virtual meeting.

The Ludes Family Foundation has donated \$500 to support Sippican's Project GROW classroom. Project GROW was established to serve tri-town preschoolers in families that have been unable to enroll in another program and who desire a preschool experience, providing those children with special needs services in an inclusive preschool learning environment.

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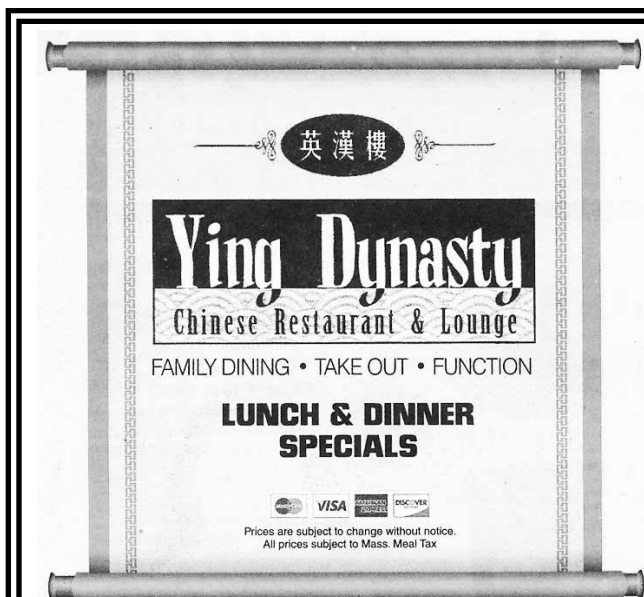
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7:30 AM On the Move
8:30 AM Health Source
9:00 AM Recovery Fitness
9:30 AM Tae Kwon Do
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Classroom Chronicle: Sports Edition
11:00 AM Lucy's World of Painting
11:30 AM Science 360
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM Rob Surette SunnySpeak Interview
2:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Peggy Repass
3:02 PM Southcoast Matters TV
3:30 PM Music Monday's with Houston Bernard
4:00 PM Paltrocst
4:30 PM Mattapoissett Fire Station Grand Opening
5:00 PM A Conversation With...
5:30 PM Fur, Fins, and Feathers
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Alzheimer's Risks with Jennifer Hoadley
7:00 PM Recovery Recreation TV
7:30 PM This is America & The World
8:00 PM Money Matters TV
8:30 PM Registers Report
9:00 PM 4 Deep Sports Talk
10:00 PM Hollywood Movie Maker
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Friday February 4, 2022

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Seniors on the Move
8:00 AM Health Source
8:30 AM Living & Learning with Disabilities
9:32 AM Tae Kwon Do
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club
11:00 AM Cape Conversations
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
2:30 PM Off the Shelf
3:00 PM Recovery Recreation TV
3:30 PM Armchair QB

4:00 PM Paltrocst
4:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV
5:00 PM Southcoast Matters TV
5:30 PM Hollywood Movie Maker
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Updates
6:57 PM Rochester COA - Senior Scams
7:30 PM In the Toy Box
8:00 PM Mattapoissett Fire Station Grand Opening
8:30 PM The Non-Profit World
9:00 PM Paltrocst
9:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Saturday February 5, 2022

6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoon Festival
9:00 AM Health Source
9:30 AM Recovery Fitness
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Conversations on Mental Health
11:00 AM Wellness Wednesday
11:30 AM Science 360
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM Southcoast Matters
2:00 PM Garden Therapy
2:40 PM Hollywood Costume Designer Ruth E. Carter
3:30 PM Inspiring Careers
4:00 PM Paltrocst
4:30 PM Libraries in the Modern Day
5:12 PM Car Enthusiast with Richard Cutler
5:30 PM For Art's Sake
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Tri-County Symphony Orchestra Brass Quartet
7:30 PM Off the Shelf - Books on Tour
8:00 PM City Hall Insider
8:30 PM Money Matters TV
9:00 PM Registers Report
9:30 PM Two Tones with George Lopes
10:00 PM 4 Deep Sports
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Sunday February 6, 2022

6:00 AM Health Source
6:30 AM White House Chronicle
7:00 AM Governor Baker Covid-19

Updates
7:30 AM The Art of Being Human
8:00 AM Mattapoissett
8:00 AM First Congregational Church of Rochester
10:00 AM St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church of Marion
11:00 AM Conversations in Mental Health
11:30 AM Southcoast Matters TV
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Anne Webb
2:30 PM ORRHS Ice Hockey vs Dartmouth
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4:30 PM Fur, Fins, and Feathers
5:00 PM The World Fusion Show
5:30 PM In the Toy Box
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Alzheimer's Risks with Jennifer Hoadley
7:01 PM This is America & The World
7:30 PM Beacon Hill Report
8:02 PM Reel Smaht
8:30 PM Pete on the Street
9:00 PM Fan to Fan
9:30 PM Books and the World
10:00 PM Ghost Chronicles
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Monday February 7, 2022

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Seniors on the Move
8:00 AM Health Expert
8:30 AM You and Your Health
9:00 AM Schvitz'n with Norm
9:30 AM White House Chronicle
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Glass Studio on Cape Cod
11:00 AM Lucy's World of Painting
11:30 AM Learning Music with Pat
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM Music Monday's with Houston Bernard
2:00 PM Southcoast Matters TV
2:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV
3:00 PM The Collective Chat
3:30 PM Arts Alive
4:00 PM Paltrocst
4:30 PM Mattapoissett Library - Rare Books

5:30 PM Recovery Recreation TV
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Fur, Fins, and Feathers
7:00 PM The Friends of Jack Foundation
7:30 PM Beyond My Crisis
8:00 PM Pete on the Street
8:30 PM Reeling Movie Review
9:00 PM 4 Deep Sports Talk
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Tuesday February 8, 2022

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Seniors on the Move
8:00 AM You and Your Health
8:30 PM Health Expert
9:07 AM Wellness Wednesday
9:30 AM White House Chronicle
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club
11:00 AM The Friends of Jack Foundation
11:30 AM Cape Conversations
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:38 PM Garden Therapy Teas and Oils
2:07 PM The Non-Profit World
2:30 PM Garden Talk with Teresa
3:00 PM Car Enthusiasts with Richard Cutler
3:30 PM Life's Happy Stories
4:00 PM Paltrocst
4:30 PM Reel Smaht
5:00 PM The Friends of Jack Foundation
5:35 PM Off the Shelf
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM The World Fusion Show
7:00 PM The Friends of Jack Foundation
7:30 PM Beyond my Cri
8:30 PM Two Tones with George Lopes
9:00 PM Hollywood Movie Maker
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Wednesday February 9, 2022

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM On the Move
8:30 AM Health Source
9:00 AM Two Grammys on the Road
9:30 AM White House Chronicle
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Conversations in Mental Health
11:00 AM Mattapoissett

Congregational Church
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
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2:00 PM Southcoast Matters TV
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4:00 PM Paltrocst
4:30 PM ORRHS Girls Basketball vs. Seekonk
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM The World Fusion Show
7:00 PM Recovery Recreation TV
7:30 PM Registers Report
8:03 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Backyard Birds
9:00 PM 4 Deep Sports Talk
10:00 PM Ghost Chronicles
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

MARION GOVERNMENT

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Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Marion Board of Selectmen
8:05 AM Marion Planning Board
9:30 AM Marion Conservation Commission
11:30 AM Marion Affordable Housing Trust
12:05 PM Marion Open Space Acquisition Committee
1:06 PM Marion Board of Health
2:00 PM Marion School Committee
3:00 PM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals
5:35 PM ORR School Committee
6:40 PM Marion Water Sewer Commissioners Meeting
8:30 PM Marion Marine Resources Commission
9:30 PM Marion Board of Selectmen
11:00 PM Marion Planning Board

ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT

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Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Rochester Board of Selectmen
7:30 AM Rochester Conservation Commission

9:00 AM Rochester Planning Board
10:30 AM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals
12:30 PM Rochester School Committee
1:00 PM Rochester Board of Selectmen
1:30 PM Rochester Conservation Commission
3:00 PM Rochester Planning Board
4:30 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals
6:30 PM Rochester School Committee
7:00 PM ORR School Committee

EDUCATION CHANNEL

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Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly
7:30 AM Sippican School Grade 6 Promotion
8:30 AM Sippican School All School Meeting
9:00 AM OC 8th Grade Exploratory Day 1
9:30 AM OC 8th Grade Exploratory Day 2
10:00 AM OC 8th Grade Exploratory Day 3
10:30 AM ORRHS Guppy Tank
11:00 AM Senior Superlative Night 2020
12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
12:30 PM ORRHS Music Department 2020 Tribute
1:30 PM Annual Christmas Children's Concert
2:30 PM ORR Joint School Committee
5:00 PM OCTV Episodes 1-5
5:30 PM OCTV Stem Day 2019
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
6:30 PM Old Colony Skills USA Awards Ceremony
7:00 PM OC National Honor Society
7:30 PM OC Girls Basketball vs. Tri-County Tech
9:00 PM ORRHS Boys Basketball vs Wareham
10:00 PM Orr Girls Soccer vs Seekonk

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Citing the number of donations, Nelson called it a “nice agenda item to have,” saying the district appreciates the support its schools get from the community.

In making a brief budget presentation, Nelson thanked Marion Finance Committee Chairman Shea Assad, who attended the Budget Subcommittee meetings.

Sippican’s FY23 budget represents a 2.46 percent increase in operations over FY22. The difference, said Nelson, is in making a part-time social worker a full-time employee and the addition of paraprofessionals.

“I’m really proud of the budget that we’re going to be bringing forward. I think it’s fiscally responsible, and I think it meets the needs of the building,” said Budget Subcommittee member Christine Marcolini.

The next step in the process is to bring the budget before the School Committee for a public hearing.

In his Central Administration’s report, Nelson thanked all staff members. “We are going through a (Covid) surge like everyone else,” he said, calling the Sippican staff “flexible problem solvers.”

The state has extended the facemask requirement to February 28.

Nelson said substantial progress has been made on the egress road out to Route 6.

Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning Dr. Jannell Pearson-Campbell talked about the iExcel program.

The committee viewed the proposed 2022-23 school calendar for the first time. ORR receives feedback from

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Committee member Michelle Smith applauded the juxtaposition of professional-development days against the return days from extended breaks in the calendar, but she said she is concerned about the lateness of an August 30 start and its potential implications should snow days push the end date deeper into June.

In his report to the committee, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations Howie Barber said that Sippican still has approximately \$540,000 of available funds.

On behalf of the Marion Teachers Association, Grade 6 Sippican teacher Nicole Boussy publicly thanked Pearson-Campbell, who is leaving her post.

"She has been known in our school community as somebody who is knowledgeable, somebody who is helpful, somebody who is pleasant. All of us at the school have been fortunate to work with her a few times, and we're just going to miss her warm smile and all of her support," said Boussy.

Rios agreed and Nelson thanked Boussy for the comment.

Early in the meeting, Nye moved executive session for Reasons No. 3 and No. 7 to the front of the agenda.

The next meeting of the Marion School Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, March 9, at 6:30 pm.

ORR Avenges Defeat, Clinches Playoff Spot

Sports Roundup

By Matthew Curry

On January 27, the Old Rochester Regional High School girls' basketball team hosted Dartmouth in their second matchup of the season. A month prior, the Bulldogs visited

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the Indians on December 23 and lost 60-41. Following the defeat, ORR went on a second streak, winning six straight games including a 56-29 win over Joseph Case on January 25 on their way to the rematch with Dartmouth.

Maddie Wright started things strong for the Bulldogs, hitting back-to-back three-pointers to open the game. She went on to score 11 points in the first half, and Old Rochester went into the second half with a 19-18 lead.

The momentum continued to swing in ORR's favor in the third quarter as the Bulldogs opened up with an 11-point run. The Indians were able to bounce back and cut the lead down to single digits, but after a three-pointer from Wright late in the third quarter brought the lead up to 10 at 33-23, Dartmouth never got any closer.

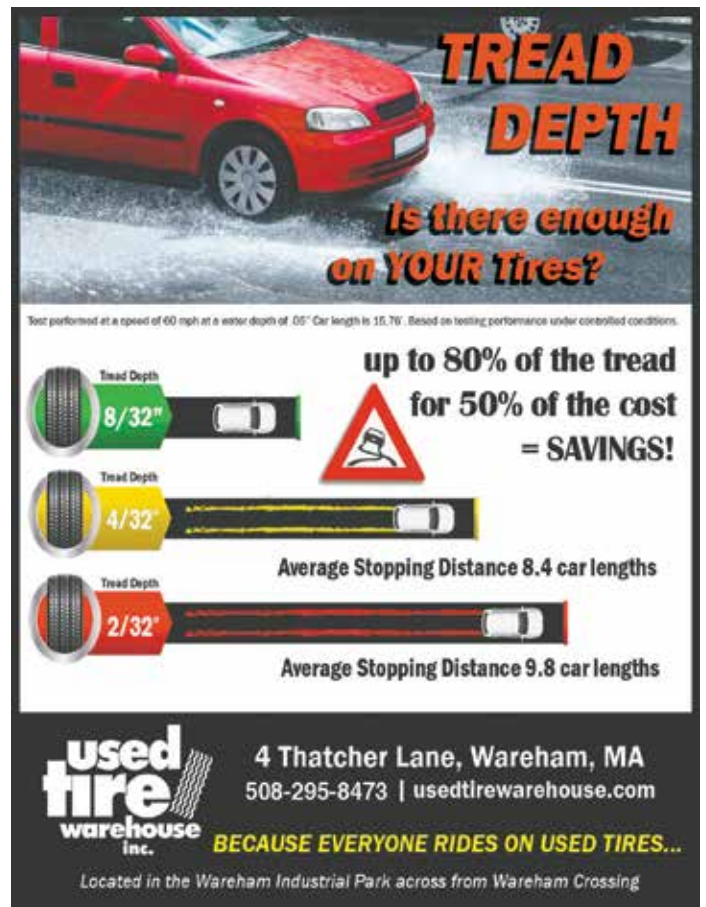
By the end of the game, the point difference was nearly identical to the first meeting. However, while the first game ended with a 19-point win for Dartmouth, it was Old Rochester that walked away this time with an 18-point win and a final score of 51-33.

Wright led Old Rochester with 16 points, while Maggie Brogioli scored 10 points and Logan Fernandes scored nine. The win brings the Lady Bulldogs' winning streak to seven, their record to 10-1 and qualifies them for the state tournament. ORR hosted Falmouth on Wednesday and will visit Dighton-Rehoboth on Friday, February 4, at 6:30 pm.

Boys Basketball

While the Bulldogs defeated Joseph Case, 70-65, on January 25, they fell to 7-5 in a 58-42, nonconference loss to

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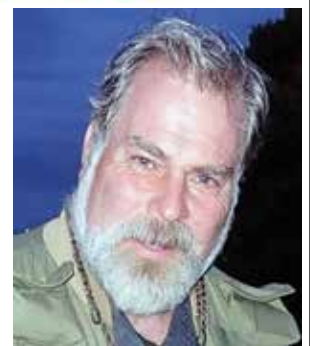
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Jeffrey A. Gray, 57, of Tiverton, RI, passed away unexpectedly Sunday, January 23, 2022 at Charlton Memorial Hospital in Fall River. He was the loving husband of 15 years to Joanne (Lawson) Gray.

Born in New Bedford, son of Carolyn (Staib) Gray of Rochester and the late Gary B. Gray, he grew up in Rochester and settled in Tiverton two years ago. Jeff was a graduate of Old Rochester Regional High School and UMass Dartmouth. He served in the United States Navy and then the United States Coast Guard from 1982-2007 until his retirement as a Chief Warrant Officer. Jeff was Security Specialist; Head Security Policies and Programs; Security Division; at the Naval Undersea Warfare Center Division in Newport, RI.

He was a member of the Tiverton Gun Club and enjoyed fishing, tennis, shooting pool, coin collecting, playing Trivia Games and he was an avid Patriots and Red Sox fan. He especially enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren.

Jeff is survived by his loving wife Joanne; his mother Carolyn (Staib) Gray; son, Evan Gray and his companion April Breen of E. Haddam, CT; step children, Justin Morse of Middletown, RI and Nicole Smith and her husband Philip of Bristol, RI; two grandchildren, Rose Morse and Philip "PJ" Smith; mother in law, Mary Prescott and her companion Michael Moreau of Mesquite, NV; father in law, John Lawson, Sr. of Brockton; a brother, Gary E. Gray of Bangkok, Thailand; two sisters, Laura McGrath of New Bedford and Lynda Parker and her husband Thomas of Rochester; nieces and nephews, Lucas, Jacquelyn, Noah, Josh, Brenna, Stephen, Alex, Caitlin, Cody, Jordan and Jacob; Brother and sister's in law, John Lawson, Jr. of Bridgewater, Donna Lawson of Taunton, Christine Corkum and her husband Timothy of Gaffney, SC and Diana Lawson of Wareham; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Calling hours were Friday, January 28, 2022 with a service that followed in the Fairhaven Funeral Home, 117 Main St., Fairhaven. Cremation followed. For memorial register please visit, www.hathawayfunerals.com.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to either St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Pl, Memphis, TN 38105 or the Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 96011, Washington DC 20090.



Virginia A. Baird, 95, of Acushnet passed away on January 25, 2022 after a brief period of declining health. She was the wife of the late Kenneth R. Baird, her childhood sweetheart.

Born in Acushnet the daughter of the late Richard T. Pearson, Jr. and Mary Alice (Waterhouse) Pearson she lived in Acushnet most of her life.

She was the epitome of strength

and family devotion and was known to many simply as Gram. A communicant of St. Andrews Church from 1939 until her death, she was active in the church throughout her life. Virginia worked in the cafeteria of the Ford Middle School for 30 years. In her retirement, she volunteered for SHARE and at the polls. An avid quilter and knitter, many friends and family are blessed to have enjoyed her handmade gifts. Virginia loved boating and the beach. You could always find her swimming laps at any beach or pool she could find well into her 70's and her son Bruce often brought her on trips around Buzzards Bay in her namesake boat "Ginny's Dream".

Survivors include her son, Bruce K. Baird and his wife Diane of Wake, VA; a daughter Beverly E. Ciaburri and her husband Paul of Rochester; her former daughter-in-law Marianne (Ross) Tissari and her husband Allan of Henrico, VA; 3 grandchildren, Thomas Baird and his wife Barbara of Chesapeake, VA, Heidi (Baird) Wilkins and her husband Christopher of Henrico, VA, and Meredith (Ciaburri) Rousseau and her husband Marc R. Jr. of Rochester; 4 great grandchildren, Makayla and Dylan Baird, Abigail and Benjamin Wilkins and Kenneth Rousseau; as well as many beloved nieces and nephews.

Her Memorial Mass will be held Wednesday, February 2nd at 11 am at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. Friends and family are invited to meet directly at church.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church 169 Belleville Rd, New Bedford, MA 02745.



Barbara A. (Rutkowski) Loranger, 87, of Mattapoisett died peacefully Wednesday, January 26, 2022 after a brief illness surrounded by her loved ones. Beautiful Barbara was the wife of the late Ronald R. Loranger, with whom she shared nearly 64 years of devoted love and marriage.

Born in Fairhaven, daughter of the late Charles and Alice (Wolan) Rutkowski, settled in New Bedford where she and her husband proudly and passionately dedicated their lives to raising their family and many others.

Barbara (Mom, Barbaruski, Grandma, Gigi) is survived by her five beloved children: Ronald Loranger and his wife Lynne, Deborah Romanowicz and her husband Craig, David Loranger and his wife Barbara, Gary Loranger and his wife Carol, and Darleen Souza and her husband Gary; ten precious grandchildren; four adored great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

She was formerly employed by LifeStream, Inc. as a caregiver for forty years until her retirement.

Barbara was respected and beloved in her community for her grace and kindness as taking care of her family and others was her passion. Her love of laughter, cuisine, and fashion permeated throughout her family and was on full display at large

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Sunday dinners and Holiday gatherings.

Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, February 4, 2022 at 10 am at St. Anthony's Church, 22 Barstow St., Mattapoisett, with everyone meeting directly at Church. Visitation and burial are omitted. For online guestbook, visit www.saundersdwyer.com.



Barbara Susan (Greenwood) Murray died on January 29, 2022, when her heart finally gave out after 91 years and 7 months of life. She was the only daughter of Charles Greenwood and Doris (Peroski) Greenwood, and the beloved wife of Paul V. Murray, whom she married in 1953 and who died in 2005, after 52 years of marriage. Barbara lived in Fairhaven for over

six decades, but was born and raised in the North End of New Bedford, near St. Killian's Church, and that's always where she considered herself to be "from."

Barbara graduated at the top of her class at Holy Family High School in 1948, and then worked in the Industrial Engineering Department at the former Revere Copper and Brass from 1950 to 1957. Once all of her children were of school age, she began working in the Superintendent's Office of the Fairhaven Public Schools, and remained there for eighteen years, until she retired in the early 1990s. In retirement she was a volunteer for hospice for several years.

One of her prized possessions was her rosary beads, which were made of sterling silver and which she won in 1944 for having the highest grade point average in her 8th grade class at St. Killian's Grammar School. She cherished those rosary beads, and said the rosary with them every day for 78 years.

Barbara never got the opportunity to go to college. Instead, she and Paul sacrificed and saved and put all seven of their children through college. We could say that Barbara loved to travel and read suspense novels and go to restaurants and movies and spend time with her family; that she loved Jeopardy! and would have been an excellent contestant on that show; that she knew how to braid rugs and sew and knit and made the best French fries and apple pies; that she was smart and determined and curious until the very end of her life (even asking that the Sunday newspaper be read to her just a few days before she died).

We could say all that, but she disliked flowery obituaries, so we'll just say that she was predeceased by her husband Paul, and is survived by her children: Susan Murray (and spouse Karen Hibbard) of Burlington, Vermont, Christine (and Christopher) Blake of Taunton, Cindy Anderson of Taunton, Paula (and Jerry) Burke of Nashua, New Hampshire, Timothy Murray (and Anne Marie) of Attleboro, John Murray (and Danielle) of Marion, and Carolyn Murray (and Christopher Harrison) of Hingham. She is also survived by her Italian "daughter," Nadia Fornasiero, of Milan, Italy, who lived

with the family as an exchange student from 1984-1985, and remained close to Barbara and the family for all these years. Barbara is also survived by her fourteen grandchildren: Daniel and Brendan Blake, Andrew and Matthew Anderson, Brian Burke (and wife Dana), Maggie, Colin and Liam Burke, Ryan and Owen Murray, Jack, Peter, and Anna Murray, and Campbell Paige Harrison; and finally, her two great-grandchildren, Rory and Molly Burke. Barbara's family was her great joy. She joins her partner, best friend, and love of her life, her husband Paul, in Heaven, where she hopes he has finally learned how to dance.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Barbara's memory to the St. Joseph's Indian School, P.O. Box 326, Chamberlain, SD 57326 (a school providing education and housing for Native American children in need that Barbara supported for years).

Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, February 11th at 11 am in St. Joseph's Church. Burial will follow in St. Anthony's Cemetery. Visiting hours are omitted. Arrangements are with the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd. (Rt. 6), Mattapoisett. For directions and guestbook, visit www.saundersdwyer.com.



Clarence Frederick Fountain, of Wyandotte and Trenton, MI, Mattapoisett, MA, and Zephyrhills, FL departed this world on Sunday, January 30, 2022, after 98 eventful years among us. Clarence was the youngest of three children for Rolland and Caroline (Manthe) Fountain. His earliest memories include rumble-seating across Michigan in

the Roaring Twenties, while his father's band played from gig to gig. The Depression bought out some of his best skills, as he became a star salesman who helped support his family and live-in cousins, even at age 15.

WWII let his luck shine through, as a combat-decorated, infantry Sergeant (Bronze Star, Expert CIB, etc.) in the front lines of the ETO, whose division (the 78th) suffered severe casualties in the battles of Kesternich, the Bulge, Remagen Bridge, Hurtgen Forest, and Ruhr Pocket. Clarence was more than once wounded himself, but looking around the field hospital at the much more serious casualties, he was too embarrassed to wait around to accept a Purple Heart. Instead, he just got patched up and went back to work. Stationed with the Occupation Force for a time, he would much later recount his post-war "black market" adventures and all too surreal meetings with Soviet troops, but his grandkids just knew those could not really have happened.

Afterwards, Clarence, his brother Danny, and some of his war-time buddies went into various businesses in Wyandotte, Trenton, and Toledo. All the while, he and his wife, Lois (Sisson), began to accumulate an embarrassingly large collection

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MOVIE REVIEW

The Quiet Man

By Rob Gonsalves
www.robsmovievault.com

***The Power of the Dog*. Starring Benedict Cumberbatch and Kirsten Dunst. Directed by Jane Campion. Running time: 126 minutes. MPAA rating: R. Now streaming on Netflix.**

It's been a while since I saw a movie that catches us leaning the wrong way as far as *The Power of the Dog* does. That could be due to the source novel, by Thomas Savage, but a lot has to do with the film's master writer-director Jane Campion, who keeps things becalmed and subtle, even nuanced. In outline, *The Power of the Dog* sounds like a number of other stories, but it is its own story, and Campion uses its tropes and our expectations to tell it mainly through visuals and through the tiniest gestures and reactions. The movie requires patient attention, otherwise its mini-explosions might look like a lot of nothing on the screen.

We're in Montana 1925, at a cattle ranch owned by brothers Phil (Benedict Cumberbatch) and George Burbank (Jesse Plemons). Soon enough, George meets and marries widow Rose (Kirsten Dunst), who has a teenage son (Kodi Smit-McPhee) readying himself for medical school. George's money sends the boy, Peter, to college. George is kindly but doesn't have much going for him other than that and his money, and he knows it, and so does Phil. Boy, does he ever. Phil is one of those brilliant rats we meet all the time in fiction, practically never in life. He's intelligent — a product of Yale — but also mean as a scorpion, the kind of guy who always wants to tell the destructive truth the way he sees it, which is of course darker than most others see it. He may also be one or more of the following: a bigot of all stripes, a deeply closeted gay man, a potential murderer or rapist.

Campion's steady hand and Jonny Greenwood's anxious score combine to create a highly unstable, almost insecure film. Everyone else in the movie seems focused on Phil, afraid of him. But should they be? Cumberbatch weighs in with a portrait that can be studied in many ways, and will almost certainly play radically differently if viewed a second time. We gather that Phil, who initially mocks Peter's effeminacy, has something in mind for him, but what? Clues surface here and there, involving Phil's one-time mentor Bronco Henry, who apparently taught



Phil the ways of ranching as well as several other things. Bronco Henry's name is enunciated with almost as much reverence as Randolph Scott's in *Blazing Saddles*. But the saddles here don't blaze, and while we have our distrustful eye on Phil, someone else might be taking advantage of our distraction.

Phil might well be a bad man who is not *only* a bad man, and the frame is otherwise filled with folk who are neither good nor evil but just flawed, weakened by life and its indifferences. George is about as understanding as any man circa 1925 can be expected to be; he takes the labor of women and men as his due, without malice. Rose has her private miseries that she has taken to dipping in liquor. Peter may or may not be gay — the question of his sexuality seems less relevant as the movie goes on — but there may be gaping holes in his good nature, put there in large part when he discovered his father dead, a suicide. Peter recounts this trauma without much feeling; it's Kodi Smit-McPhee's moment of triumph. Peter, we see, may grow up into another Phil. Phil certainly seems to think so. If he can be for Peter what Bronco Henry was for him, he might have a purpose — or he might become a monster.

The Power of the Dog can thus be debated long into the night — the characters' paths not taken, the dramas interrupted. After several things we're led to expect to happen don't happen, we realize we have little idea where the movie is taking us, yet we trust Campion to take us somewhere, and she does. Campion excels at tension between people — largely between men and women, but not always. Here it's tension between one person and everyone else, but most everyone takes a turn creating that tension. We gather that the mix of these particular personalities and all their painful baggage is combustible, though, in this movie's terms, *quietly* combustible. We see that what happens is inevitable yet far from predictable, except maybe when we think back on it.

visiting Norwell on January 28. Old Rochester was led by **Sawyer Fox** and **Liam Geraghty**, who each scored 18 points. The Bulldogs will look to get back on track when they host Dighton-Rehoboth on Friday, February 4, at 6:30 pm.

Boys Hockey

The Old Rochester/Fairhaven boys hockey team edged out a close, 4-3 win against Diman Voke on January 26 at Falmouth Ice Arena. The victory extended their win streak to two games. The Bulldogs faced Dennis-Yarmouth on Wednesday and will look to avenge prior losses to Dartmouth when they visit the Indians on Saturday, February 5, at 7:30 pm at Hetland Memorial Arena in New Bedford.


Letters to the Editor

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To the Editor;

Last week's letter by Dick Morgado reactivated a spark in this old man that now flames anew.


For years before Priscilla's death, we discussed the town's need for an art center. She was a member of the



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of amateur bowling trophies. Of course, every two years was the formal reunion for his combat unit survivors and their families, and the list of god-children and nieces and nephews (formal and otherwise) got ever longer. Republican Party politics also became a life-long passion with Clarence starting after the War, debating all comers at all times with gusto.

In 1965 he moved with his young family to Mattapoisett, working for Rodney Metals in New Bedford and New York. Clarence became active in community and church matters (Trinity Lutheran Church in Fairhaven), including serving as Scout Master of Boy Scout Troop 53. He was blessed by several lifelong friendships also in Mattapoisett. At the same time, for a few years he ran a seasonal lobster boat in Buzzards Bay, since fresh lobster was a delicacy few of his Michigan visitors ever tired of. In 1972, he founded another business of his own, Valo Products, in Fairhaven, and continued with that company, widely expanding its product lines, until his retirement.

That brought Clarence to Florida, just north of the Spring Training camp for his beloved Detroit Tigers. Of course, "retirement" meant cutting back to a mere 40 hour work week, while he supplemented his income by fixing up and flipping houses in Zephyrhills, as a "hobby." Also on the positive side, Florida meant more poker nights and close friendships with neighbors like Dave and Mary, at least when he was in town.

Within the extended family, it was well known that if there was a party anywhere, Clarence was happy to fly up and join in. Family also knew that a "party" included any construction project or home repair chore. Well-traveled in North America during his business career, retirement also let him travel to Europe and the Mid-East for a bit, checking out the pyramids and other monuments that were actually built before his day.

However, eventually the 13 survivors of the 1942 "G" Company, 309th Infantry Regiment, became only one, and then he left to join them.

Clarence's body will be laid to rest with military honors at Michigan Memorial Park, in Flat Rock, MI, near graves of his parents and relations. Still here to remember Clarence as family are his children and their spouses, Ryan (and Linda), Gary (and Jenni), and Valri, along with ten grandchildren, eight great and great-great grandchildren, and an abundance of nieces, nephews, and extended relations (probably most of Michigan). We all said that he could not leave until the Detroit Tigers won another World Series, so this year perhaps they will. In the meantime, in lieu of flowers, if you are thinking of Clarence, you could hoist a new flag next November 11.

If you have a notice you would like to have included in the Obituaries section, please contact our office at: 508 758-9055, or by email at office@wanderer.com.

TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



MARION

Log highlights Jan 23-Jan 29

- Vine St – EMS/medical
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Mill St – MV collision
- Point Rd – Health/welfare
- Wareham Rd - Transport
- Oak St – Smoke investigation
- Marion Rd – MV stop/citation
- Wareham Rd – Brush fire
- South St – Officer wanted
- County Rd – Health/welfare
- Wareham Rd – MV stop/arrest
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Cove Cir – Paper service
- Hermitage Rd – Health/welfare
- Church St – Assist other dept
- Wareham Rd – MV collision
- Front St – General service
- Front St - Disturbance
- Bullivant Farm Rd – EMS/medical
- Point Rd – Animal complaint
- Point Rd – Follow up investigation
- Village Dr – EMS/medical
- Riverview Ln – Animal complaint
- Wareham Rd – MV stop/arrest
- Route 195 West – MV collision
- Route 195 West – MV collision
- Mill St – Officer wanted
- Converse Rd – MV collision
- Briggs Ln – Warrant arrest

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights Jan 23-Jan 29

- Fairhaven Rd – MV violations
- North St – MV violations
- Fairhaven Rd – Follow up
- Acushnet Rd – Animal control
- Lebarons Way – Officer wanted
- River Bend Ln – Annoying phone calls
- Hammond St - Disturbance
- County Rd – Animal control
- North St – Assist citizen
- Cannon St – Unwanted person
- North St – Ambulance request
- Neds Point Rd - Disturbance
- Cecelia Ave – Ambulance request
- Prospect Rd - Notification
- Ocean View Ave – Ambulance request
- Park St – Health/welfare
- Wolf Island Rd – Stolen property
- Angelica Ave – Suspicious persons
- Church St – Ambulance request
- Aucoot Rd – 911 call
- Marion Rd – Assist citizen
- Park St – Health/welfare
- Cannon St – Health/welfare
- Bay Club Dr – Unwanted person
- Laura Ln – Health/welfare
- Marion Rd – MV lockout
- Acushnet Rd – MV crash
- Cannon St – 911 call
- Brant Beach Ave - Disturbance

ROCHESTER

Log highlights Jan 23-Jan 29

- Marys Pond Rd - Medical
- North Ave – MV collision
- Marys Pond Rd – Suspicious activity
- Cranberry Hwy – 911 call
- Cushman Rd – Animal control
- Braley Hill Rd – 911 call
- Route 495 South – MV collision
- Douglas Corner Rd – Lost animal
- Alley Rd - Medical
- Mattapoissett Rd - Fraud
- Braley Hill Rd – Suspicious activity
- Alley Rd - Medical
- County Rd – Assist other agency
- North Ave – MV collision
- Cromwell Ln – Assist other agency
- County Rd – Suspicious activity
- Old Middleboro Rd – 911 call
- Benjamin Rd - Medical
- Braley Hill Rd - Medical
- Perys Ln – Suspicious activity
- North Ave – Animal control
- Rounseville Rd – Suspicious activity
- Mendell Rd – General services
- Springwood Dr - Medical
- Marion Rd – 911 call
- Walnut Plain Rd – Firearms licensing
- Snipatuit Rd – MV collision
- Snipatuit Rd – Parking complaint
- Marion Rd – Missing person

For a full PDF of the three towns' police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit www.Wanderer.com.



REGIONAL LUNCH MENUS

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday, Feb 7: Chicken strips w/chili-lime sauce, confetti rice, Mexicali corn, 6" tortilla, fresh orange

Tuesday, Feb 8: Lazy stuffed pepper, green beans, multigrain roll, butterscotch pudding, diet: diet pudding

Wednesday, Feb 9: Cheese lasagna, ratatouille, oatmeal roll, applesauce

Thursday, Feb 10: Italian braised beef, garlic mashed potatoes, peas & mushrooms, whole wheat roll, pears

Friday, Feb 11: Veggie chili, fluffy rice, corn muffin, peaches

CENTER SCHOOL

Monday, Feb 7: Cheeseburger, lettuce & tomato, pickle, oven baked potato wedges, fun size chips

Tuesday, Feb 8: Taco nacho platter, black bean & corn salad

Wednesday, Feb 9: Bulldog breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles

Thursday, Feb 10: Oven roasted

turkey, homemade stuffing, creamy mashed potatoes, gravy, golden sweet corn, whole grain dinner roll

Friday, Feb 11: Cheese pizza, garden salad, assorted salad dressing, chilled mixed fruit

OLD HAMMONDTOWN

Monday, Feb 7: Cheeseburger, lettuce & tomato, pickle, oven baked potato wedges, fun size chips

Tuesday, Feb 8: Taco nacho platter, black bean & corn salad

Wednesday, Feb 9: Bulldog breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles

Thursday, Feb 10: Oven roasted turkey, homemade stuffing, creamy mashed potatoes, gravy, golden sweet corn, whole grain dinner roll

Friday, Feb 11: Cheese pizza, garden salad, assorted salad dressing, chilled mixed fruit

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

Monday, Feb 7: Cheeseburger, lettuce & tomato, pickle, oven baked potato wedges, fun size chips

Tuesday, Feb 8: No lunch – early dismissal

Wednesday, Feb 9: Bulldog breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles

Thursday, Feb 10: Oven roasted turkey, homemade stuffing, creamy mashed potatoes, gravy, golden sweet corn, whole grain dinner roll

Friday, Feb 11: Cheese pizza, garden salad, assorted salad dressing, chilled mixed fruit

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

Monday, Feb 7: Cheeseburger, lettuce & tomato, pickle, oven baked potato wedges, fun size chips

Tuesday, Feb 8: Taco nacho platter, black bean & corn salad

Wednesday, Feb 9: Bulldog breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles

Thursday, Feb 10: Oven roasted turkey, homemade stuffing, creamy mashed potatoes, gravy, golden sweet corn, whole grain dinner roll

Friday, Feb 11: Cheese pizza, garden salad, assorted salad dressing, chilled mixed fruit

SIPPICAN SCHOOL

Monday, Feb 7: Cheeseburger, lettuce & tomato, pickle, oven baked potato wedges, fun size chips

Tuesday, Feb 8: Taco nacho platter, black bean & corn salad

Wednesday, Feb 9: Bulldog breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles

Thursday, Feb 10: Oven roasted turkey, homemade stuffing, creamy mashed potatoes, gravy, golden sweet corn, whole grain dinner roll

Friday, Feb 11: Cheese pizza, garden salad, assorted salad dressing, chilled mixed fruit

OLD COLONY REGIONAL

Monday, Feb 7: Sheppard's pie & dinner roll

Tuesday, Feb 8: Macaroni & cheese & bread stick

Wednesday, Feb 9: Chicken chow mein & chop suey vegetables

Thursday, Feb 10: Italian sub & fries

Friday, Feb 11: Assorted pizza

Marion Art Center (in a former church) and Westport Art Group (a self-owned building.) She successfully participated in all of the town's Historical Society's summer art shows, but more irons in the fire kept us from moving forward.

I hope this letter and Dick's will result in a much younger group taking the bull by the horns and getting the dreams of both of us accomplished. Both of us are willing to share ideas with the group.

Brad Hathaway, Mattapoisett

To the Editor;

With Sincerest Thanks for the tremendous outpouring of kindness, love and support from our friends and Mattapoisett families.

Special thanks to Mattapoisett Police Department and to the Mattapoisett Highway Department for your time and assistance during these very trying past several weeks.

Mattapoisett is a special place filled with special people.

Thanks to All.

Sincerely,

Barry and Deb Denham

Academic Achievements

The University of Rhode Island is pleased to announce the Fall 2021 Dean's List. Students named to the Dean's List include **Madison Carvalho** of Rochester, **Chris Gauvin** of Mattapoisett, **Josh Gilbert** of Marion, **Sam Gryska** of Marion, **Sophie Johnson** of Rochester, **Tyler Menard** of Mattapoisett and **Mason Tucker** of Marion.



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TriTOWN HAPPENINGS

Last weekend's snow event made the tri-towns look like another part of New England. Here are scenes from Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester. Photos by Mick Colageo



*Blue jays feeding at Brandt Beach after the blizzard.
Photo by Marcia Parker*

Winnatuxett blizzard. Photo by Jen Shepley



Same place, same time a day apart, blizzard 2022. Photos by Ellen Scholter



*Too much snow for Yorkie.
Photo by Joyce Lavoie*

These photos and more are available online at www.wanderer.com

Adam Sylvia, a Central College student from Rochester has been named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2021 semester. The honor is awarded to full-time students who achieve a 3.5 GPA or higher on a 4.0 scale while taking 12 or more graded credit hours for the semester.

Northeastern University is pleased to recognize those students who distinguish themselves academically during the course of the school year. The following students were recently named to the University's Dean's List for the Fall semester which ended in December 2021:

- Marion resident **Elizabeth Lonergan**, majoring in Business Admin/Comm Studies.
- Marion resident **Evan Chase**, majoring in Comp Sci/Business Admin.
- Marion resident **Katelyn Luong**, majoring in Biochemistry. In addition to achieving distinction through the Dean's List, Luong is a member of the University Honors Program.
- Marion resident **Emma Williamson**, majoring in Mathematics/Political Science. In addition to achieving distinction through the Dean's List, Williamson is a member of the University Honors Program.
- Mattapoisett resident **Rebecca Milde**, majoring in Economics/Psychology.

New Playwrights Incubator Program at the MAC

The Marion Art Center Theater introduces the Playwrights Incubator, a program for first-time playwrights to see their work realized on the stage. Finding theaters to produce new or unpublished plays can be an obstacle for any new playwright. The program provides resources for emerging artists to workshop and launch new plays through a structured program. Selected playwrights will work with experienced mentors to fine-tune their plays over the course of several months. Regular writing evaluations, quarterly readings that include a feedback-response process and lessons in casting appropriate actors will culminate in a staged performance in front of a select audience. This live audience will provide critical feedback to the playwright with a thorough evaluation.

Any new writer who has not yet been published is invited to submit her or his script for consideration. There is no cost to participate in this program. Selected applicants are required to sign an agreement with the MAC Theater, outlining expectations and a commitment to the program. Interested parties can learn more and apply to the program

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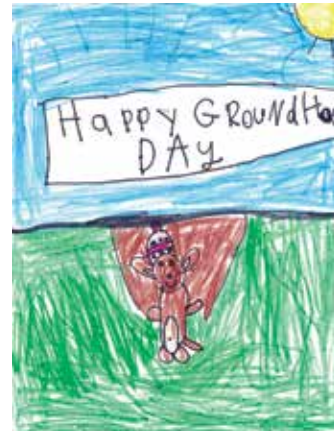
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online at marionartcenter.org/playwrights-incubator. Round one submissions are due by **March 1**. Email any questions to info@marionartcenter.org.

The MAC Theater Playwrights Incubator was cofounded by Kate Fishman and Anabel Costa. Kicking off the first season are mentors John Heavey and Mark Howland. Both Heavey and Howland are directors, playwrights and Tabor Academy faculty and have been involved in the MAC Theater program for several years.

Tri-County Symphonic Band Celebrates The Folk Song

On Sunday, **February 13** at 3:00, the Tri-County Symphonic Band, under the direction of Philip Sanborn, will present a concert in the Old Rochester Regional High School Gilbert D. Bristol Auditorium. The concert is titled "English Folk Song Gala: The Music of Grainger, Holst and Vaughan Williams." While the three composers did not write the folk songs as such, they did use them as the inspiration for their many compositions, a practice used by composers in countries other than England over the years. For example, Beethoven's magnificent "Ode to Joy" from "Symphony No. 9" began as a German poem composed by Friedrich Schiller in 1785 to serve as a drinking song with his friends. "Down the Road," an African American spiritual served as an inspiration for the beautiful melody in Dvorak's "Symphony No. 9." For the Tri-County Symphonic Band concert, the listener will be treated to the musical imaginations of three outstanding British composers: Percy Grainger, Gustav Holst and Ralph Vaughan Williams, each of whom developed delightful variations on English folk song melodies. Sea chanteys, love songs, folk dances, ballads, songs like "Danny Boy" and stirring marches are woven into a delightful afternoon of music guaranteed to lift your spirits, get your toes tapping and bring a smile to your face. Come and be British for an afternoon. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door and may be purchased at the Symphony Music Shop in North Dartmouth and online at brownpapertickets.com. For more information and COVID policy details for the concert, please visit www.tricountysymphonicband.org/

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patient wife
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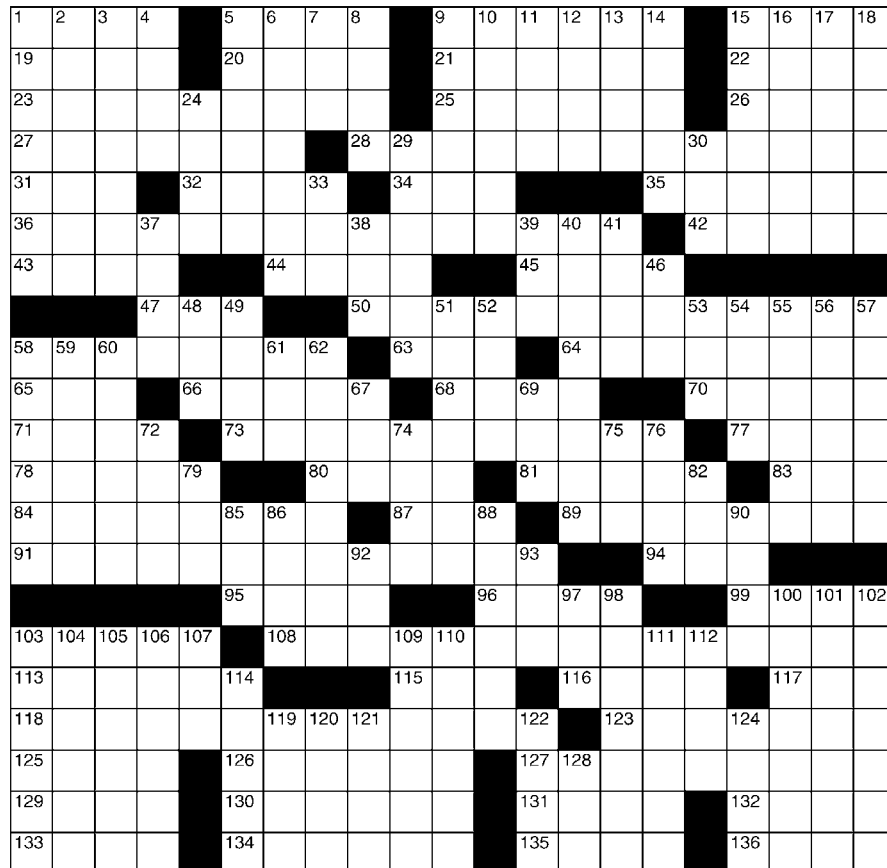
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113 Form a single
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115 "— tu"
(Verdi aria)
116 Healing sign
117 Drink in a
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118 Luge, diving
and biathlon
123 Sainly
125 Sit heavily
126 Clause's
cousin
127 Face-off area
in hockey
(or what's
found in eight
answers in
this puzzle)
129 Article in
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130 Yamaha
products
131 "— girl!"
132 The Bradys'
Alice, e.g.
133 Elk relative
134 Sharply
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135 Low in pitch
136 Poker cost

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2 Euphoria
3 Female
honcho
4 "You wish!"
5 Most
liberated
6 Go on a brief
yacht outing
7 Furious state
8 Wine vessel
9 Marlon of film
10 Chinese
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11 Aid in
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12 Sandwich
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13 Actor Bana of
"Munich"
14 Control the
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15 Pre-euro
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money
16 Puts forth
17 Move like a
hula dancer
18 Didn't leave
24 Ho-hum
grades
29 "No worries,
dude"
30 Catch red-
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- 38 Ltr. extra
39 Uncanny
40 Wets a bit
41 "Ew, gross!"
46 Marina del
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48 PC screen
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49 Frigate, e.g.
51 Ralph of "The
Karate Kid"
52 Duel weapon
53 Govt. med
approver
54 Bona —
55 Smoothed
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56 "My Heart
Will Go On"
singer Dion
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59 "The Raven"
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69 Dayton-to-
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72 Trac II
successor
74 "Time — the
essence"
75 Team VIP
76 Olden times
79 Clucking bird
82 "— haw!"
(rodeo shout)

- 85 Bad deed
86 Swindle
88 "Doggone!"
90 Penne —
vodka
92 Mental haze
93 "You're
oversharing,"
in texts
97 They may run
Windows
98 Some trig
functions
100 Like "penne"
and "graffiti"
101 Seek
pleadingly
102 Go ahead of
103 Went uphill or
downhill
104 Baseballer
Mays
105 "Who's
interested?"
106 Tone down
107 Have dinner
109 Liam of film
110 Author
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111 Australia's
main airline
112 Force along
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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Put that restless surge to good use this week by preparing your winter-weary home for spring. Also, be more flexible about accepting a workplace change.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your well-known ability to be patient is challenged as you wait for more news about a promising opportunity that could lead you to a new career path.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A setback in your travel plans could prove to be a blessing in disguise. Use this extra time to help close a growing gap between you and a family member.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Don't let a sudden sense of separation between you and your spouse or partner go unchallenged. It's important to make a strong effort to clear things up.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Use the information you recently received to make some long-deferred changes regarding a personal situation. Continue to exercise financial restraint.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) That new responsibility you're now considering could lead to many opportunities. But be sure you have all the facts before you agree to take it on.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A friend might try to advise you against a potentially risky move. Ultimately, the decision is yours, but hear him or her out before you decide.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You might feel justified in demanding an apology, but it might be wiser to settle things so that today's adversary doesn't become tomorrow's enemy.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Good news: Expect a more positive aspect to dominate your personal and professional lives. Someone close to you seeks your counsel.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A disappointment can turn into a learning experience. Now, at least, you know what not to do. Meanwhile, expect more options to open up.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) What goes around comes around, as a friend from the past returns a favor. Don't be timid about accepting it with good grace. You deserve it.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your spiritual strength helps you deal with a family member's problem. Expect some difficulties, but stay with it until it's ultimately resolved.

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Along with the application, the following additional information is required:

1. A Personal Statement about career goals as they relate to the mission of the MLT, past and present.
2. A signed Community Service Form documenting a minimum of 20 hours of community service.
3. Professional letter of reference (teacher or guidance counselor.)
4. A character letter of reference from an employer, scout or community leader and or neighbor is required.
5. Official school transcript including credits and class rank.

Applicants will be assessed according to academic achievement, personal statement, professional and personal references, community service, and financial need. Preference will be given to individuals who are members of the Mattapoissett Land Trust or whose parents or grandparents are members of the MLT.

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The deadline for submitting the forms will be April 27, 2022.

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The application forms will be found in the guidance

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<p>TOWN OF MARION BOARD OF HEALTH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Marion Board of Health will hold a public hearing via Zoom on Thursday, February 17, 2022 at 4:10 pm to enact a regulation entitled "Regulations for Dumpsters and Waste Haulers." The regulation outlines permitting requirements for new and existing dumpsters and waste hauling in the town of Marion; and shall apply to "waste haulers operating in the town of Marion, and residential and commercial properties (excluding food service establishments) on which exist containers 6 cubic yards in size or greater, used for the storage of household and commercial waste." A copy of the proposed regulation is available through the Board of Health office.</p> <p>*Please contact Maureen Murphy at (508) 748-3530 or mmurphy@marionma.gov during regular business hours for instructions on attending the meeting. The zoom link will be provided upon request. 1/27, 2/3</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF ROCHESTER ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #1172</p> <p>Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Anthony and Mary-Patrice Ruocco for property located at 308 New Bedford Road, identified on Assessor's Map 2, Lot 13A who are seeking a Special Permit under Chapter 20.40, Section F.6. to use the premises as not only a residence, but to establish a Farm Winery (A&M Winery). They propose to specialize in providing specialty dessert wines for wine tastings on site, by appointment, and subsequently providing small batches for weddings and corporate functions conducted elsewhere. The wine is proposed to be prepared, fermented, and bottled on site. The public hearing will be held on Thursday, February 10, 2022 beginning at 7:00 pm as both a hybrid meeting at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way in Rochester, MA and on Zoom.</p> <p>To join the zoom meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81289816966 Meeting ID: 812 8981 6966 One tap mobile: (646) 876-9923 David Arancio, Chairman 1/27, 2/3</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF ROCHESTER ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #1173</p> <p>Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Linda & David Gauthier for property located at 88 Bowen's Lane, identified on Assessor's Map 31, Lot 8A, who are seeking a Variance to construct an addition to the easterly side of the existing single-family dwelling, closer than the 40' side yard setback requirement, under Chapter 20.40, Section D.1. of the Rochester Zoning By-Laws.</p> <p>The public hearing will be held on Thursday, February 10, 2022 beginning at 7:00 pm as both a hybrid meeting at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way in Rochester, MA and on Zoom.</p> <p>To join the zoom meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81289816966 Meeting ID: 812 8981 6966 One tap mobile: (646) 876-9923 David Arancio, Chairman 1/27, 2/3</p>	<p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, February 14, 2022 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall (in person and remotely via Zoom **) on the Request for A Determination of Applicability submitted by Jerilyn McQuade, 10 Noyes Avenue, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The proposed project is to repair septic system for existing house. Work lies within the 100-year flood plain (F.E.M.A Zone AE, E1.15').</p> <p>The **Contact concomm@mattapoisett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information. 2/3</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, February 14, 2022 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall (in person and remotely via Zoom **) on the Request for A Determination of Applicability submitted by Waldron Real Estate Trust II, 60 Brookwood Road, Hanover, MA 02339. The proposed project is to build a 10'x10' shed. The project is located at 32 Pico Beach Road, and is further identified as Lot 14 on Assessor Map 6.</p> <p>**Contact concomm@mattapoisett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information. 2/3</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF ROCHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT PUBLIC NOTICE</p> <p>The Town of Rochester Police Department will be conducting Alcohol Compliance Checks throughout the year of all establishments holding liquor licenses.</p> <p>Donald Kemmett Detective Rochester Police Department 2/3, 2/10</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF ROCHESTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION & TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING</p> <p>A hybrid Public Meeting of the Rochester Conservation Commission will be held on Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at 7:00 pm regarding a Notice of Intent filed by property owner Clapp Nominee Trust c/o William Clapp, for proposed work at 0 Clapp Road, Rochester, MA 02770 designated as Map 30 Lot 3A (ANR Lot-2-2). The applicant is proposing minor lot clearing and site work. The applicant's representative is Schneider, Davignon, & Leone, Inc. This meeting is being held under the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act, MGL Ch. 131, Section 40 and the Town of Rochester Wetland Protection By-Law.</p> <p>Join Zoom Meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85493872037, Meeting ID: 854 9387 2037 Or Call: +1 646 876 9923 OR Join in Person at Old Colony, 476 North Avenue, Rochester, MA 02770 Christopher Gerrior, Chairman 2/3</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF ROCHESTER ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #1174</p> <p>Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Travis Andrade for property located at 9 Coombs Road, identified on Asses-</p>	<p>sor's Map 44A, Lot 37, who is seeking a Variance under Chapter 20.40, Section D.1., for approval of the construction of a garage and mudroom addition less than 40 feet from the side lot setback requirement. The public hearing will be held on Thursday, February 24, 2022 at 7:00 pm as both a hybrid meeting at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way in Rochester, MA and on Zoom.</p> <p>To join the Zoom Meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86813071374 Meeting ID: 868 1307 1374 One tap mobile: (646) 876-9923 David Arancio, Chairman 2/3, 2/10</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF ROCHESTER PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on February 22, 2022 at 7:00 pm at Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School, 476 North Ave, Rochester, MA 02770 regarding a Site Plan Review Application, filed by Industrial Tower and Wireless, LLC, for property located at 0 High Street Rochester, MA 02770, Map 19 Lot 5. The applicant proposes the construction of a 190-foot monopole telecommunications tower requiring site plan approval. The applicant's representative is Industrial Tower and Wireless, LLC, 40 Lone Street, Marshfield, MA 02050. The property owner is A.D. Makepeace Company, 158 Tihonet Road, Wareham, MA 02571. The application and associated submittal documents are available for review at the Planning Board Office at the Rochester Town Hall Annex, 37 Marion Road, Rochester, MA.</p> <p>Join Zoom Meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82889351879 Meeting ID: 828 8935 1879 Or Call: 1 646 876 9923 Arnold Johnson, Chairman 2/3, 2/10</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, January , 2022 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall (in person and remotely via Zoom **) on a Request for a Determination Applicability submitted by Buzzards Bay Management, LLC. The meeting will also be a hybrid meeting. Please contact the Conservation Commission for the Zoom information.</p> <p>The Applicant proposes to remove and replace eleven floating dock anchor piles. Said work will occur within Land Under Ocean, Land Containing Shellfish and Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, Flood Zone VE (E1. 20).</p> <p>The property is located at 21 Dupont Drive which is further identified as Lot #88 on Mattapoisett Assessors Map #14B.</p> <p>**Contact concomm@mattapoisett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information. 2/3</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Place your classified ads 24 hours a day 7 days a week on-line at www.wanderer.com</p>



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Mattapoisett Democratic Committee

On Saturday, **February 12** at 10:00 am, Democrats will convene virtually to elect 4 delegates and 4 alternates to represent Mattapoisett at the 2022 State Democratic Convention. This caucus will take place in line with public health guidance, and attendees may participate remotely need and to preregister at: us02web.zoom.us/j/91012900000

Registered and preregistered Democrats in Mattapoisett 16 years old by February 4, 2022, may vote and

be elected as delegates or alternates during the caucus. Youth (age 16 to 35,) people with disabilities, people of color and members of the LGBTQ+ community not elected as delegates or alternates are encouraged to apply to be add-on delegates at the caucus or by visiting massdems.org/caucus.

The 2022 Convention will be a hybrid convention, with in-person proceedings taking place alongside virtual participation options on June 3 and 4 at the DCU Center in Worcester. Delegates will convene to endorse candidates for statewide office ahead of the September Democratic Primary. The MassDems are closely monitoring changes in public health guidance and will update plans accordingly.

Those interested in getting involved with the Mattapoisett Democratic Committee should contact Patricia



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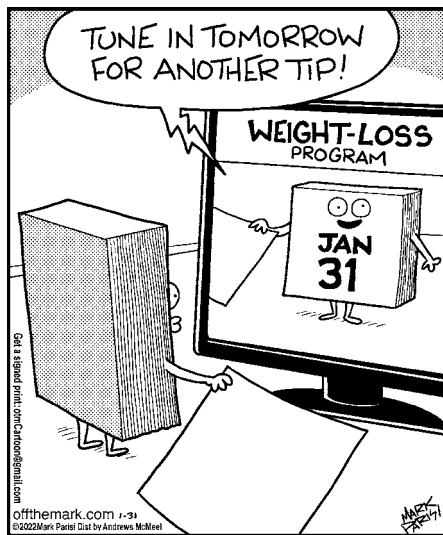
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If you are a graduating senior and have any questions about the scholarship application process, you are invited to contact the Mattapoisett Congregational Church office via email at mattcongchurch@gmail.com.

From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society By Connie Eshbach

The earlier article about the disappearance of Bonney Hill got me thinking of other Rochester places that aren't there anymore. While Snipatuit Pond is still there, the camp that took its name from the pond is no longer active. Established in 1932, Camp Snipatuit was a nondenominational summer camp operated by the Hall family for over 50 years.

Set in a wooded area that reached Snipatuit Pond to the east, the camp buildings existed after its closure in 1985. The camp was comprised of one-story Craftsman-style recreation buildings set on concrete piers. The first few were built by Reginald Allen, a Rochester resident whose property made him a neighbor to the camp. The main building housed a kitchen, dining porch, office, dressing rooms, a large sleeping

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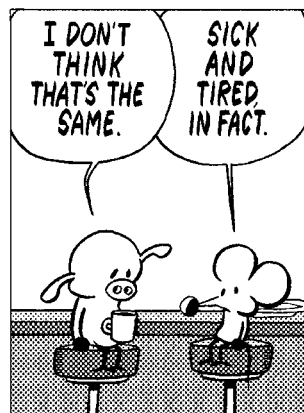
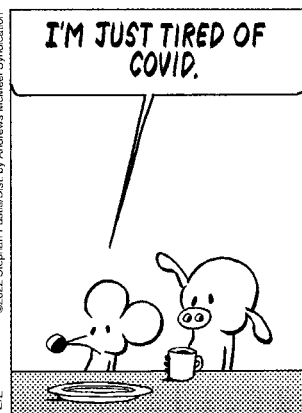
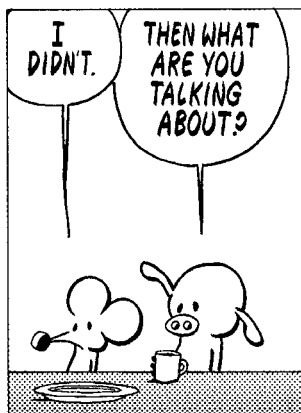
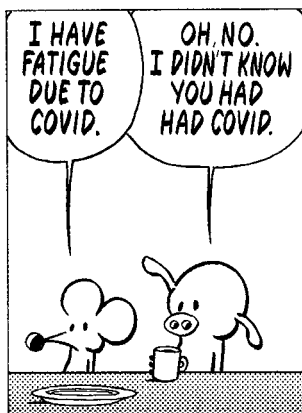
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providing transportation to and from school each day.

Enrollment is open to all children residing in Marion, Mattapoisett, or Rochester and turn 3 years of age prior to September 1. Preference will be given to children who may be considered educationally at risk, children who have had no preschool experience and children of families that meet tuition assistance eligibility guidelines. In addition to family income, foster care and special needs, other child risk factors are also considered. Family risk factors considered are parent(s) with special needs/disability, homelessness, parent(s) in active military service, teen parent(s), and children cared for by a grandparent or guardian.

The program is based on developmentally appropriate practices, follows the High/Scope curriculum and is aligned with the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks and Early Learning Standards. As a family-centered program, parents are expected to play an active, vital role in the child's educational experience through a wide variety of parent involvement opportunities.

Registration Links:

Marion: www.familyid.com/sippican-elementary/2022-2023-project-grow-application-2

Mattapoisett: www.familyid.com/center-school/2022-2023-project-grow-application

Rochester: www.familyid.com/rochester-memorial-school/2022-2023-grow-application

Changemaker Grants

Do you have an idea for changing the world — or at least your corner of it? You may be eligible to apply for a Changemaker Grant.

United Way of Greater New Bedford is seeking applications for their Changemaker Grants (formerly the Community Building Mini-Grants Program) which aim to empower ordinary people to accomplish extraordinary things to help their neighborhoods and their community.

All-volunteer groups in Greater New Bedford can apply for up to \$2,500 to complete projects that are engaging, community driven, solutions-focused and that foster unity through community action.

To be eligible for a grant, groups must be all volunteer with budgets less than \$40,000. Projects should be small in scale, but have the potential for long-term impact. Changemaker projects ideally should support one of the following United Way impact areas: health, education, financial stability and basic needs.

United Way is hosting two virtual information sessions in February for groups to learn more. Sessions will take place via Zoom on Tuesday, **February 8** at 1 pm and Wednesday, **February 9** at 5:30 pm. To register, visit unitedwayofgnb.org/changemaker-grants or call 508-994-9625.

Applications will be accepted February 1 through March 11 through United Way's grant portal.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

See past listing on our website: www.wanderer.com

Buyer(s)	Seller(s)	Address	City	Date	Price
Rowlett, Hugh Eaton Jr TR Rowlett, Armanda Raposo TR Rowlett, 2008 Trust Agt	Torwin Development LLC	Shagbark Cir Lot 64	Mattapoisett	01/12/2022	240,000.00
Fyfe, William D Fyfe, Vanessa C	Connet Woods LLC	236 Forbes Rd	Rochester	01/12/2022	678,555.00
Gobichettyalalayam, Sathish	Leonard J & Joyce Almeida IT Smith, June A TR Almeida, Shawna R Almeida, Meghan Almeida, Kristin	0 Dupont Dr 9 Dupont Dr	Mattapoisett	01/14/2022	600,000.00
	Farland Estates III LLC Harrison, Stephen Harrison, Jessica	5 Cuttyhunk Dr	Mattapoisett	01/14/2022	600,000.00
Lgre Retirement LLC	Karl Glosl Jr NT Glosl, Karl Jr TR	Cove St	Mattapoisett	01/18/2022	32,000.00



Local Tides

Day	Date	High		Low	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	February 3	9:28	9:51	2:51	3:26
Friday	February 4	10:15	10:41	3:36	3:58
Saturday	February 5	11:03	11:31	4:19	4:30
Sunday	February 6	11:51		5:04	5:06
Monday	February 7	12:21	12:40	5:55	5:48
Tuesday	February 8	1:10	1:29	7:06	6:39
Wednesday	February 9	2:02	2:22	8:42	7:40
Thursday	February 10	3:00	3:23	9:51	8:47
Friday	February 11	4:06	4:27	10:41	9:51
Saturday	February 12	5:06	5:21	11:24	10:46
Sunday	February 13	5:52	6:05		12:01
Monday	February 14	6:29	6:44	12:04	12:43
Tuesday	February 15	7:04	7:21	12:18	1:20
Wednesday	February 16	7:38	7:59	1:01	1:53
Thursday	February 17	8:14	8:37	1:43	2:23
Friday	February 18	8:52	9:17	2:23	2:51
Saturday	February 19	9:32	10:00	3:02	3:21
Sunday	February 20	10:17	10:46	3:42	3:53

Phases of the Moon	First Quarter	February 8th
	Full Moon	February 16th
	Last Quarter	February 23rd
	New Moon	March 1st

I Found the Aardvark!

Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

Once you find the aardvark you can submit your answer on line and if you are right you will get Aardvark Points! You can then use these points to get cool Aardvark Prizes!

To enter visit: www.wanderer.com and Click on *I Found the Aardvark*

In the January 27, 2022 edition the Aardvark was on page 48!

PUZZLE ANSWERS

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

REBA	FDIC	BLADES	PEWS
ELIS	RARA	ROBERT	EXIT
MAGIC	EYES	AMELIE	SEGA
ATMFEES	KINETIC	ENERGY	
NIA	ESAI	MDI	RATTLE
DOMESTIC	ECONOMY	BASED	
SNAG	LINO	DOUR	
ALS	COMEDIC	EFFECT	
CLENCHES	LAP	SKYDIVER	
HUN	DIDUP	CENT	ADELA
AGRA	PUBLIC	CENEMY	ENID
LOATH	POSH	ENVOY	ENE
ESPRESSO	OID	SPREADER	
TITAN	ICEFORT	EEL	
NANO	AMPS	LISP	
SWATS	MAGNETIC	EQUATOR	
LINEUP	ERI	SCAR	ALE
OLYMPIC	EVENTS	ANGELIC	
PLOP	PHRASE	CENTERICE	
EINE	PIANOS	ATTA	MAID
DEER	INTENT	BASS	ANTE

SCRAMBLERS

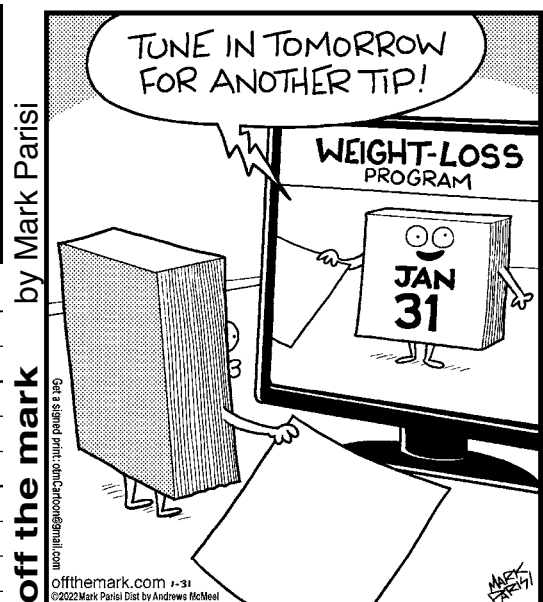
solution

1. Trade
2. Spartan;
3. Latent;
4. Radio

Today's Word
SPOILED

Sudoku Answer

1	4	3	6	5	8	9	2	7
5	8	2	9	1	7	4	3	6
9	6	7	4	2	3	5	8	1
6	3	8	5	7	1	2	9	4
7	2	1	3	4	9	8	6	5
4	9	5	2	8	6	1	7	3
3	1	6	8	9	4	7	5	2
2	7	9	1	3	5	6	4	8
8	5	4	7	6	2	3	1	9





at PLUMB CORNER

SALE EFFECTIVE:
 Friday, February 4 — Thursday, February 10, 2022
 565 Rounseville Road • Rochester, MA 02770
 Phone: 508.763.5333
 Open Daily: 7am-8pm

Grocery, Dairy, Frozen & Bakery

Newman's Own
 15-24 oz. Selected
 (Excludes Organics)
Pasta Sauce
\$2⁸⁹



16 oz. Selected Teriyaki
 Sweet Baby Ray's Marinade..... **2/\$6**

Half Liter Bottles, 35 Pack
 Crystal Geyser Water..... **\$5⁹⁹**

14.5 oz. Selected
 Post Honey Bunches
 of Oats Cereal..... **2/\$6**

20-30 oz. Selected
 Hellmann's Mayonnaise..... **\$5⁹⁹**

16 oz. Selected
 (Excludes Con Queso & Organics)
 Newman's Own Salsa..... **2/\$6**

16 oz. Selected
 Green Mountain Gringo
 Salsa..... **\$4²⁹**

3.1-3.2 oz. Selected
 Chocolive Chocolate Bar... **2/\$5**

11.75-13 oz. Selected Chocolate Chip
 Nabisco
 Chips Ahoy! Cookies..... **2/\$6**

16 oz. Selected
 Blue Diamond Almonds..... **\$8⁹⁹**

9.6 oz. Selected Microwave
 Newman's Own Popcorn..... **2/\$5**

7.33 oz. Selected
 Stacy's Pita Chips..... **\$2⁷⁹**

12 oz. Selected
 Heluva Good! Dip..... **2/\$4**

16 oz. Lactaid or Selected
 Hood Sour Cream..... **2/\$4**

8 oz. Selected
 Pillsbury Crescents..... **2/\$5**

Fresh Baked, 16 oz. Pkg. Selected
 Cookies..... **\$4⁹⁹**

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Boar's Head
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750 ml Oregon, Pinot Noir
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Due to current market conditions, item retails may change and products may become unavailable unexpectedly.

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Ham
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12 oz. Bags Selected
Coffee
\$8⁹⁹



Gifford's
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Ice Cream
\$4⁹⁹



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+ Dep.



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Wine
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lb.

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lb.

Sweet
Onions..... **\$1²⁹**
lb.

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Tomatoes..... **\$3⁴⁹**
lb.



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